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NH's charley horse



Who among us has not been startled by the sudden pain of a muscle spasm commonly known as a charley horse? Without warning, it just happens, and as a result one is somewhat paralyzed for its duration. While the possible causes are many, one of the most frequently cited is a deficiency of minerals such as potassium, calcium or sodium. Whatever the trigger, the result is very painful and debilitating, at least temporarily.

While physical charley horses are infrequent and unexpected, there is a political charley horse that can be predicted with certainty. It occurs whenever a gubernatorial campaign begins in New Hampshire. Regardless of the political party of the candidate, there is a rush to ask "The Question," namely, "Are you taking The Pledge?"

We all respect the many enviable and increasingly rare and distinctive features of political campaigning in New Hampshire. Indeed, when traveling to other states, I am often regarded as something of a unique specimen of a very special state and its traditions and quizzed accordingly. Yet the question of The Pledge puzzles my hosts.

"How can you possibly open a conversation about the long-term needs of your state, given its relatively slender revenue base, if you don't at least agree from the outset that all options are on the table?" Or so they ask. And, of course, the stock response is "But if the option of a broad-based tax is allowed, even in conversation, it will come about almost certainly." Or, "Well, the voters of New Hampshire have made it clear, they are opposed to any such possibility, so we'll not even talk about it."

One wonders, in all of this, whether our state isn't up to the challenge of a more reasoned conversation. Let me be clear, I am not advocating a revenue option. But I am asking why it is that an electorate that so prides itself as "the second question state" — in other words, where a voter can truly probe the vision and program of a candidate — cannot do so with respect to all options, instead having one whole segment of a conversation closed off from the beginning.

As with physical charley horses, perhaps there is with this political one a deficiency of some critical mineral: maybe courage, maybe civility, maybe trust in the intelligence and shared civic commitment of our neighbor.

The health of any organism is free flow and freedom from inflammation. Perhaps the same preventative medicine should be applied to our body politic.

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Special session

Efforts to pass drug crisis laws before the next legislative session, while appearing to have strong bipartisan support, were slowed by the partisan push and pull between Democratic Gov. Maggie Hassan and the Republican leaders of the legislature. Soon after the Executive Council voted to create a special legislative session (against the will of House and Senate Republicans) and a day after Hassan released her proposed legislation, Republican Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley, House Speaker Shawn Jasper and newly promoted House Majority Leader Robert Hinch released a statement announcing their plan to create a 26-member bipartisan task force from both legislative chambers to vet and debate the issues and file a final report in the first week of January. The Union Leader reported most of the spending plans included in Hassan's proposal were left out of the list of plans the task force would discuss, but after a Nov. 12 joint meeting between party leaders, Democrats expressed optimism that Hassan's proposals will be discussed and that a bill will be passed by the end of January.

Test scores

The New Hampshire Department of Education released the first results from the new Smarter Balanced assessment, which gauges how well students are meeting benchmarks set by the Common Core standards. The results show 58 percent of New Hampshire students scored "proficient" or higher in reading and 46 percent did so in math. The scores are significantly lower than the results from the former statewide assessment, the New England Common Assessment Program. But officials say the tests are very different and should not be compared since Smarter Balanced represents higher educational standards and the testing process is more adaptive. NHPR reported the test result data show minorities and the economically disadvantaged performed poorly while white and economically not disadvantaged students performed well.

Judge nomination

Controversy is growing around a decision by the Executive Council not to confirm the governor's nomination of a Superior Court judge. NHPR reported such a decision is rare and the reasons cited by councilors who voted against the appointment are unusual. Dorothy "Dottie" Graham has served as a public defender for 20 years, and there is recent precedent for appointing public defenders as judges, but Republican Councilor Chris Sununu, a gubernatorial candidate, voted against the appointment because of her lack of prosecutorial experience. Republican Councilor Joe Kenney said he voted "no" because Graham defended sex offenders. Public defenders don't pick their clients and are legally obligated to offer a vigorous defense. Manchester Police Chief Nick Willard wrote a letter of recommendation for Graham and criticized the vote against her confirmation.

Security measures

Following the ISIS-orchestrated gun and bomb attacks that killed 129 people in Paris, New Hampshire was on high alert. The AP reported officials at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport told all employees and tenants to remain on a heightened state of vigilance, though the security measures should not noticeably affect travellers. Gov. Maggie Hassan said New Hampshire State Police were working with the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI and local police departments to ensure security precautions are taken to protect state residents.

Commuter rail

Two Democratic Executive Councilors, Chris Pappas and Colin Van Ostern, have unveiled a plan to finance a passenger rail extension from Boston north to Nashua and Manchester. The plan, NHPR reported, would limit state spending to \$5 million annually, which is about half of what it's expected to cost the state. The remainder would be paid through a combination of federal grants, greater investment from Massachusetts, and private companies paying for the development of four rail stations. The proposed rail sta-

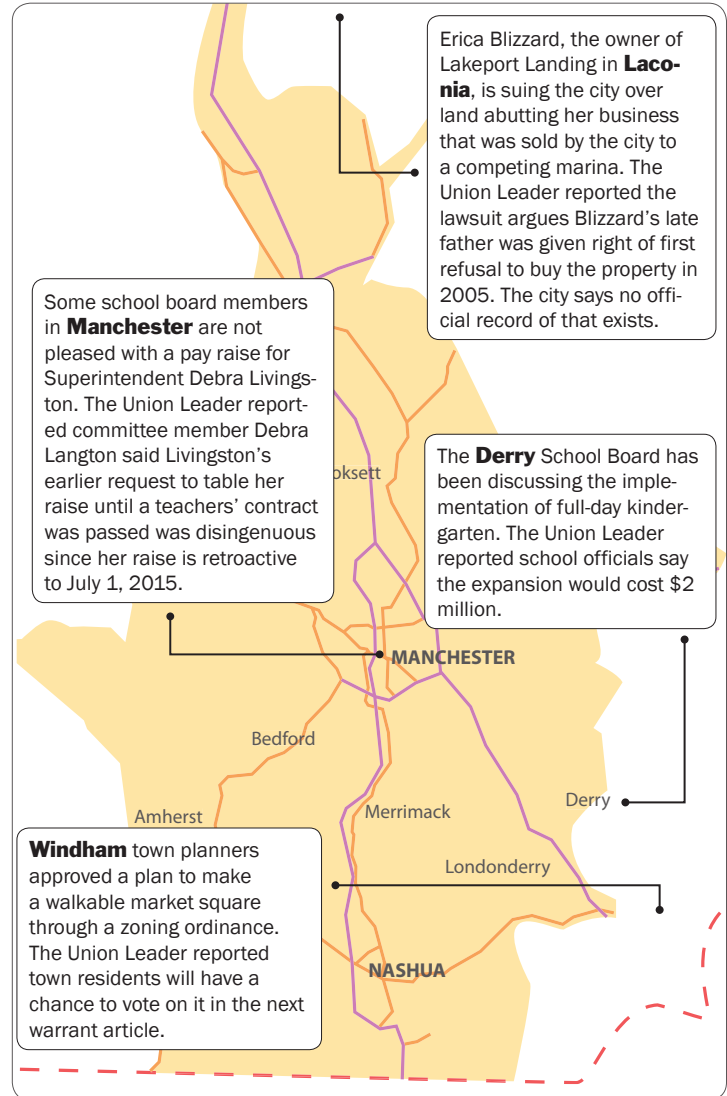
tion arrangement is modeled after the Hooksett rest area redesign by Common Man owner Alex Ray.

Northern Pass

The U.S. Department of Energy released a supplemental environmental impact statement on the most recent proposal by Northern Pass to bury an additional 52 miles of its power lines sending hydroelectric power south from Quebec. NHPR reported the document is 36 pages long and the Department of Energy will hold three public hearings on it in December. Members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation and environmental groups requested the updated EIS after Northern Pass unveiled its latest route change. The hearings are scheduled for Dec. 15 in Whitefield, Dec. 16 in Concord and Dec. 17 in Plymouth.

Drug court nonprof

As lawmakers prepare to create a state drug court office and debate millions of dollars in funding for new and existing county drug courts, a Grafton County-based nonprofit organization is expanding its fundraising efforts statewide. The AP reported the Friends of New Hampshire Drug Courts will raise money to support drug courts across the state, but the group's president says the money won't replace the need for county or state funding. There are drug courts in Strafford, Grafton, Cheshire, Rockingham and Belknap counties. Hillsborough County has a drug court in Nashua but not in Manchester.



Nashua preschool

While enrollment is declining throughout the Nashua school district, enrollment in its preschool program has been on the rise. The Union Leader reported there are about 254 students enrolled in preschool this year compared to 225 last year. Superintendent Mark Conrad told the school board it may be necessary to hire

an additional teacher to keep class sizes manageable.

Correction

In the article "Doctors online" in the Nov. 12 issue of the Hippo, the name of Anthem's new telehealth app was incorrectly identified. It is actually called LiveHealth Online.

BEST WEEK



PLEXXI INC.

The Nashua-based tech company Plexxi won the New Hampshire High Tech Council Product of the Year award. The Union Leader reported the winner was chosen by a panel of NHHTC judges and voters who attended a live event. The award is a boost for the company, which got an infusion of \$35 million in capital investment in its last round of fundraising. Plexxi has raised a total of \$85 million so far and this year expects to earn 10 times the revenue it earned in 2014. Plexxi's flagship product creates a more efficient network system to deliver data over the Internet. Its co-founder told the UL it effectively paves new digital roads whenever there's a traffic jam.

WORST WEEK



LIQUID PLANET OWNER

Kevin Dumont, the owner of Liquid Planet in Candia, has chained himself to the top of a water slide in a last-ditch effort to save the water park from foreclosure. The AP reported the park is scheduled for a Dec. 2 auction after it was closed by regulators in August due to high bacteria levels and because Dumont opened the park without a required inspection. Dumont promised to stay atop the slide 24/7 until the park can somehow be saved. Dumont has outfitted the space with canned foods, a microwave, coffee machine, portable toilet and tent. A GoFundMe account has raised more than \$1,600 out of a goal of \$1 million. He told WMUR that the recession and poor weather during recent summers hurt his business.

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Affordable housing crunch

Why aren't developers building more affordable rental units?

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Differences in Dem debate

There were differences in the second debate, held Saturday, Nov. 14, between Democratic contenders for the party's presidential nomination compared to the first. It was down to three candidates this time: Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders and former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley. According to CNN, Clinton and Sanders argued more aggressively than they did in the first debate. Sanders sought to characterize Clinton as being in the pocket of Wall Street while Clinton reiterated her attack on Sanders' vote against a bill that would make gun makers liable in certain lawsuits.

Republican debate cuts

The Republican field may seem to be winnowing, but instead of candidates actually dropping out, TV networks are starting to cut them from the debate lineups. The Nov. 10 Republican debate on Fox Business saw eight candidates in the primetime debate after the network bumped former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie to the earlier second-tier-candidate debate and South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham and former New York Gov. George Pataki were cut completely. According to Fox Business, the primetime debate was the highest-rated program in the network's history.

Ballot challenges

While New Hampshire Secretary of State Bill Gardner gave no objection to Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders filing for candidacy in the New Hampshire primary as a Democrat despite being a registered Independent, others did. The Union Leader reported Manchester political activist and "legal gadfly" Andy Martin, who is running as a Republican candidate for president, filed a challenge to Sanders' inclusion on the ballot. A challenge to Texas Sen. Ted Cruz claims he is ineligible to run since he was born in Canada. The Ballot Law Commission will take up these cases on Nov. 24.

NH Visits

Former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina kicked off her three-day stay in the Granite State on Nov. 16 with appearances in Plymouth, Concord, Henniker and Keene. According to the Union Leader, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush has a town hall meeting scheduled in Londonderry on Nov. 19. The following day, Ben Carson is expected to file for official candidacy at the State House, South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham plans to host a meeting in Hudson with John McCain and Ohio Gov. John Kasich is expected to hold events in Hollis, Berlin and Wakefield. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is scheduled to hold a town hall in Stratham the following Saturday.

New Hampshire has a high demand for affordable rental housing, but factors ranging from zoning rules to land costs are keeping developers from building more.

Supply and demand

According to the 2015 Rental Cost Survey by the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, limited production of new rental properties is keeping vacancy rates as low as 2.8 percent, and 2.2 percent for two-bedroom units.

Bill Ray with the NHHFA says the state normally wants to be around 5 percent. Plus, Ray says, they generally assume 2 percent of the vacancy rate is due to turnover, meaning that a unit that happens to be vacant during the polling likely has a new renter waiting to move in.

"That is clearly an indication that there's a lack of supply," Ray said.

To make matters worse, the supply of subsidized, rent-controlled apartments is expected to effectively shrink as about 88 New Hampshire developments from the 1970s will be seeing their mortgages paid off and subsidies disappear.

This high demand and low supply naturally create high rental prices. The highest rents are in the southern parts of the state, where most of the rental units (and the lowest vacancy rates) exist. In Rockingham County, the average rent is \$1,270. In Hillsborough it's \$1,219 and in Merrimack County it's \$1,113.

According to the report, rents have increased by 54 percent in the past 15 years and by nearly 12 percent for two-bedroom apartments in Hillsborough County over the past five years — despite sluggish income growth (24 percent among renters since 2000).

Ray says that means residents are now paying a greater portion of their income for rent.

Close to 75 percent of renter households earning less than \$35,000 in annual income are paying more than 30 percent of that income in rent. State law defines affordable housing by that 30-percent mark.

"We know that overpaying represents a hardship, in effect," Ray said.

Not only is it difficult for families paying those rents, but the state economy overall suffers as the high rents mean fewer young people are moving to the state — in fact, more are moving out — and businesses can't hire the workforce they need. People in their 20s have high levels of college debt, making it difficult to pay the 10- or 20-percent down payment often required. Plus, few public transportation options exist for com-

Affordable housing projects

Given limited resources for subsidies in the form of tax credits, affordable housing projects like those produced by the nonprofit NeighborWorks of Southern NH are usually small and fill up immediately. Rents are between \$950 and \$1000 for the most recent units. Tenants incomes must be below 60 percent of the area median income to qualify.

Source: NeighborWorks of Southern NH.
*Renovations of 14 buildings.



muters, and they must compete against older homebuyers who have equity who are buying smaller homes.

David Juvet at the New Hampshire Business and Industry Association places the affordable housing shortage among the state's top five barriers for economic growth.

New construction

"Clearly one way to solve a lack of supply is to build more, but ... what comes on the market as new construction is not going to serve the lower-income population," Ray said.

The only new rental units getting built in Manchester will charge market-rate rents, and some will even be upscale, catering to those with higher incomes. The Manchester Planning and Community Development department says none of the projects under way are for workforce housing.

For example, Bill Binnie of the Carlyle Group is renovating the historic Citizens Bank high-rise to supply high-end, market-rate one- and two-bedroom units.

And William Socha of Socha Companies recently finished building more than 30 upscale townhouse units at Evergreen Way (with rents between \$1,675 and \$1,700) and

is currently constructing 152 townhouses down the road at Hidden Oak Way. The rent at those townhouses will be between \$1,775 and \$1,850.

In Merrimack, a project to build 240 one- and two-bedroom apartment units will be voted on in December. Each of the garden-style buildings built by the John J. Flatley Co. will have 48 market-rate units.

Another project proposed by Nashua developer Mark Maynard would demolish two downtown buildings and construct a four-story apartment building with 97 market-rate units. And Brady Sullivan Properties plans to convert a Nashua mill building into 168 apartment units with average rents at about \$1,500, according to Arthur Sullivan.

In Concord, the only apartment project currently underway is a senior housing building with 140 units built by Calamar.

Arrested development

Sheila McDonough, the business manager at Socha Companies, says the high cost of land and permitting means they have to charge higher rents to cover those costs.

"The numbers have to work, no matter what," McDonough said. "We would like to

POLITICAL GROUPIES

A look at advocacy groups in NH



League of Conservation Voters NH

Who they are: The League of Conservation Voters NH is a branch of a national organization based in Washington, D.C., that was founded in the late 1960s. It has representation in almost 40 states. New Hampshire's branch (started in summer of 2014) has 13 staff members across two offices, about 10 college interns and more than 15,000 members on its mailing list.

What they want: Their mission is to advocate for environmental policies at the state and local level and to educate voters and political leaders about environmental issues. Climate change action is a central issue. To that end, they specifically want to see the Clean Power Plan approved by Congress and implemented by the states. The CPP is a set of new EPA standards under the Clean Air Act for reducing carbon pollution emitted by power plants by 32 percent by 2030.

Current goal: Originally, bird dogging presidential candidates with questions about how they will address the issue of climate change to learn their plans, if any, and get more people talking about it. The LCV Action Fund recently endorsed Hillary Clinton for president, putting an end to the bird dogging.

VIPs: State Director Rob Werner, State Field Director Lindsey Perry. Portsmouth Mayor Robert Lister has been a supporter, as well as Smuttynose Brewing president Peter Egelston, state Sen. Martha Fuller Clark of Portsmouth and Sen. Lou D'Allesandro of Manchester.

Find them at: 114 West Merrimack St., Manchester, or 950 Islington St., Portsmouth. Their email address is seacoastlcv@gmail.com or manchesterlcv@gmail.com, website is lcv.org and phone number is 674-9810.

Campaign impact: State Director Rob Werner says their efforts to raise the issue of climate change during the New Hampshire primary has been done primarily through bird dogging candidates.

"We [had] a whole program of signing up our volunteers to go to events and ask questions specifically about climate change action," Werner said.

While Werner says most Republican candidates have not given answers to his liking, there is one candidate who stands out.

"Lindsey Graham is one of the candidates who clearly accepts the science around climate change and that we need to do something about it," Werner said. ★

build things as reasonably priced as possible for people, but when you get into what your permitting costs are and your land costs ... there's no way I can only charge \$800 a month for a unit."

In addition to paying new construction fees based on the cost, application fees and review fees, developers must pay school and fire impact fees. In Manchester, for example, the fire impact fees range between \$146 to \$196 and school impact fees can be as low as \$633 for townhouses and as much as \$1,169 per unit of a multi-family building with five or more units.

Local developer Dick Anagnost says one of the reasons land can be so expensive is its growing scarcity.

"Finding a piece of multi-family land is a chore to begin with," Anagnost said.

He says this is partly due to what he calls "exclusionary zoning" by local planning boards. This means local officials have gradually whittled away the supply of multi-family housing land by re-zoning it as something else, like industrial land. Or they will lower the allowed density of units per acre.

"When I started this business 30-some-odd years ago, I could get 20 to 30 units per acre. Now, I can only get 10," he said. "Without a significant amount of density ... costs are spread over a smaller number of units."

And even without explicit ordinances,

some local officials generally won't approve plans for multi-unit workforce housing buildings because they fear they would have too great an impact on the schools or change the rural character of the town.

"The largest objection to workforce housing is the NIMBY effect — not in my backyard," Anagnost said.

Building housing for lower-income families is impossible without development subsidies, Anagnost says, and those are limited. And as long as higher-income families exist to fill market-rate developments, there's little incentive for a developer to bother.

"One of the reasons why housing is coming in at the higher end of the market is because if the incomes will support it and there's a shortage of rental housing, then the rents will go up and those units will get built," Ray said.

New Hampshire passed an affordable housing law in 2008, which requires communities to create reasonable opportunities for workforce housing. According to the law, developers can appeal denials by towns and cities in superior court. Ray says some communities have already begun to amend their regulations, and three cases (one in Hooksett and two in Windham) have been appealed to superior court so far. One case in Windham resulted in overturning the town's decision to deny a 10-unit workforce housing project. ☁

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A Thanksgiving for Living

Fundraiser helps infant with leukemia and her mom

Kalee Couture is the mother of Athena Nakos, a 16-month-old girl diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. In an effort to help pay for daily living expenses while Kalee, a single mother, takes time out of work to care for Athena, family and friends are organizing a fundraiser at Penuche's Grill in Manchester on Nov. 29 from noon to 7 p.m. called Athena's Thanksgiving for Living. It will be a family-friendly event with activities for kids.

Q: *When was Athena first diagnosed?*

Athena was diagnosed on April 22 of 2015. I went to the doctor's for her 9-month physical. I had had a few concerns about her health but there was a [reasonable explanation] for everything. ... [At the 9-month physical], they had sent me to get blood drawn and ... do an ultrasound. [Athena's white blood count] was at 100,000 and it's supposed to be at about 10,000. ... They told me, 'Your daughter has a type of blood cancer.' ... We were in the hospital for seven weeks [after] the moment she was diagnosed.

When you went to the hospital most recently, was that planned?

That was unscheduled. Any time that Athena has a fever of 100.4... you're supposed to call the hospital because it could be a sign of an infection. ... Her immune system is really susceptible to [disease]. She basically has no immune system. [You have to] wash your hands 24/7, clean and bleach all your toys, keep her from any germs, don't bring her around a lot of people that are sick. It's pretty intense. ... [The doctors] said that she had E. coli. She caught E. coli because of her immune system.

What's something most probably don't realize about how this disease affects your family?

Washing my hands 24/7, they're cracked and bleeding half the time because I'm washing them every time I touch something before I touch her. ... I have all-natural disinfectant sprays and Lysol wipes in my car. ... I can't take my daughter and just put her in the shopping cart to do my groceries. ... I have an 8-year-old son who is an amazing big brother, but when he comes home from school it's, 'Take off your jacket, disinfect your backpack, wash your hands, change your clothes,' because I have to be worried about what he could be potential-

Five favorites

Favorite Book: *The Perfect Husband* by Lisa Gardner

Favorite Movie: *The Hangover III*

Favorite Music: Everything. I love it all.

Favorite Food: Steak

Favorite thing about NH: All the hiking trails that you can explore for free.



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ly bringing home from the school bus and being in school with all these other kids. So it's kind of hard on him.

What about how it affects Athena?

Athena is on multiple medications. ... I feel like my daughter doesn't get to live a life that she should. For instance, Athena has a Broviac, which is a tube that is inserted through her veins and goes into her heart. ... We have to flush this every single day. ... Because she has a Broviac, she can't be submerged in water, and when I give her a shower I have to wrap her entire body in what they call an aquaguard to protect the site of her broviac. ... So all summer long, she couldn't go swimming. ... I let her kick her feet in [the water] but she can't just go in it like any other kid.

Why are you putting on the fundraiser?

I'm a single parent, and I have been doing nannying for 14 years. I was babysitting here in my home when Athena got diagnosed. Because of her illness ... they can't be here, so I've had to quit working, [and also because of] the dedication of time it takes to be able to provide for her being in the hospital ... going up there every single week, having all of the [hospital] stays and everything else. ... [The fundraiser] is really for us to be able to provide for her and pay bills. My goal is to be able to do this annually to help other parents who are going through this, because it's a whole different world that not a lot of people have knowledge of. It's a lot of stress on a family and your finances and your time.

What can people expect at the event?

We're gonna do 50/50 raffles. We're gonna have live music and a DJ. We're gonna have a silent auction. There's free pool ... for the day. Athena's going to get 50 percent of [proceeds from] any food or drink purchases from the restaurant. ... It's kid-friendly, so we're gonna have face-painting, and I think we're gonna have a table with board games for the kids and coloring papers. — Ryan Lessard

QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

Improved winter weekend trips

Three New Hampshire Welcome Centers are to re-open for winter, according to NHPR. Centers in Colebrook, Lebanon and Littleton had been closed during the winter since 2011, but the Department of Resources and Economic Development said the state budget and efforts to improve agency efficiency have prompted officials to find money to re-open these centers from Dec. 17 through March 21, Thursdays through Mondays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. DRED Commissioner Jeff Rose said in the article that the winter season is very important for New Hampshire's tourism industry, with last year bringing in more than 7 million visitors, who together spent around \$1.1 billion.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: *QOL's weekend ski trips will certainly improve, having these rest areas open.*

Two-way traffic returns

After months of downtown Concord traffic jams and detours, two-way traffic has finally reopened on North Main Street as redesign construction wraps up for the year. Most of the work on the first half of the Main Street project is finished, according to a Concord Monitor article, with finishing sidewalk and brick work details to be completed next week. Construction on South Main Street between Pleasant and Concord streets will take place next year and be completed by the end of 2016, the result being a two-lane road with a center median, wider sidewalks and as many as 15 newly accessible storefronts.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: *City officials said in the article the redesign is on budget and is expected to cost about \$10.69 million.*

Business booming

Two of Manchester's largest tech companies are listed among the fastest-growing in North America. Internet DNS provider Dyn and construction company email software company Newforma were both listed in Deloitte's Technology Fast 500, the Union Leader reported. The list ranks technology, media, telecommunications, energy and life sciences companies by how fast they are growing. Dyn was ranked at No. 262 while Newforma reached No. 384. Between 2011 and 2014, Dyn's revenue grew 277 percent and Newforma's grew 166 percent.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: *Both companies employ hundreds of New Hampshire residents.*

Heating aid

The New Hampshire Fuel Assistance Program started early this year, on Nov. 16, thanks to the early release of federal funds. According to a statement released by the governor's office, the program, also known as LIHEAP or the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, will award an average grant of \$650 to eligible families and seniors. To be eligible, families must have an income level at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. For a family of four, that means an annual maximum income of \$48,500. The federal grant to the state is expected to be about \$25.7 million.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: *More than 35,000 households received the fuel aid last year.*

QOL score: 81

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Sox reconstruction underway

Red Sox Baseball Ops President **Dave Dombrowski** stole a bit of my thunder with his trade for closer **Craig Kimbrel** the day after I'd written the first ver-

sion of this column laying out what I would do if I were in his shoes. And while it checked the first box on my checklist, giving up *four* prospects for a closer didn't exactly ease my fear that he's gonna gut the farm system in pursuit of rapid improvement at all costs.

His track record in Montreal, Florida and Detroit shows he has no fear in giving up any *top* prospect while going for the killer deal. I'm not saying never do that, but there are some you should never trade. During that time most worked out well, though one was a huge miscalculation.

Epically Good: Getting the likes of **Gary Sheffield** and **AJ Burnett** in Florida and **Anibal Sanchez** and **David West** lately he's made some good ones, but getting **Miguel Cabrera** from the budget-conscious Marlins for five prospects was a heist.

Epically Bad: With the Expos in need of a starter he sent a young hurler with a big arm to Seattle for "established" lefty **Mark Langston**, after which it all came together for the erratic lefty, sending **Randy Johnson** on his way to winning 303 games. And given that Langston left after one year it's even epic-er, if that's a word. The only comparable bust trade in baseball's history was the Mets' sending away young **Nolan Ryan** in pursuit of hitting in the early '70s.

That he didn't get strung up after that one is probably thanks to Montreal's legendary indifference to baseball and because both he and the team split town not long after that. But if it were a hockey trade that bad in that town, or he if pulled something like that here, they'd shorten the name to just "Dombo" right before he got fricasseed in

the town square. Just as Sox owner **Harry Frazee** would've been after selling a guy with 88 wins before turning 23, if he hadn't lucked out when the Yanks turned the **Babe** into a somewhat successful hitter instead of getting the 300 wins he was headed for. But I digress.

The interesting part of those deals is that one provides clear evidence of how burned you can get by giving up on the wrong guy too early, and the other says a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, as it was when high-end prospects **Cameron Maybin** and **Andrew Miller** went for Cabrera. Both took forever to find their way as Cabrera was winning two MVPs and a Triple Crown and becoming arguably this century's best hitter.

The Johnson deal aside, the long track record is pretty solid. So I'll leave the "who" to him, if he follows my plan in the following priority order.

A Lock-Down Bullpen: What ticks me off most about the almighty pitch count is that it hands the offense a strategic weapon because they know pitchers are coming out after 100 pitches. So they chip away to run up the pitch count to get into the bullpen by the fifth or sixth inning, where the pitchers aren't as good. Being able to lock it down from the sixth inning negates that and lets starters not worry about going seven. It's also more economical per out and inning pitched. And since those last three innings account for 480 over a season, it makes sense to have top-notch guys out there since that's more than double the innings even the best starters pitch. Kimbrel is a good first step, but they need another power arm out there. My choice is **Joe Kelly** to join Kimbrel, **Koji** and **Junichi Tazawa** in a power pen with **Matt Barnes** the apprentice mop-up guy in training to replace Koji next year.

Get Two Top Starters: In a perfect world **Eduardo Rodriguez** is the No. 3 to keep expectations lower as his development continues. Since his giant contract makes

Rick Porcello untradeable, he's the 4. That leaves the last spot open for whoever doesn't get traded among **Wade Miley**, **Clay Buchholz** and **Henry Owens**. Now I'm on record saying being solid 1 through 12 is more important than getting an ace, but that doesn't mean I'm against getting one. Looks like he's going after a top free agent starter like **David West** (I hate the 1-9 playoff record), **Johnny Cueto** (hate the injury history) or **Zack Greinke**, who's the most desirable for me. The No. 2 then can come in another trade.

Think Big: I've been told Chicago would have to be on crack to give up both **Chris Sales** and **Jose Abreu** in a blockbuster deal. Or that I must be on it if I think they'll give up Sales without Rodriguez coming back. But the Reds sent **Frank Robinson**, a Triple Crown and the World Series title to the Orioles in 1966 because he was an "old" 30, right? And Dombrowski did get Cabrera from the Marlins, didn't he? The problem is that would gut the farm system. But if it doesn't involve Betts, Bogaerts and Rodriguez I still might do it. I'd like to keep **JBJR** and **Blake Swihart** too. But after that, I'm OK with sending some combination of Owens, Miley, Buchholz, **Brian Johnson**, Cuban imports **Rusney Castillo** and **Yohan Moncada**, **Christian Vasquez**, **Travis Shaw**, **Brock Holt** or **Deven Marrero** and 2015 top pick **Andrew Benintendi** for them. If they'd take either Hanley or Panda and money, all the better. Would they do that? I don't know. But with the Cubs in charge of that town for the next five years, treading water won't work, so maybe they'll go full-scale rebuild.

If they do the last part, I move Mookie to third and use the money saved to go after free agent **Alex Gordon** to play left. After that, I'm good, as long as one of the departed doesn't turn out to be the next Randy Johnson.

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Goffstown-Exeter in final

The Big Story: After an amazing ending and a dominating defensive performance it'll be undefeated and untied Goffstown and Exeter in the Division I football championship game Sunday at 6 p.m. at UNH in Durham. Goffstown got there after **Connor Bourque** answered a game-tying field goal by Bedford's **Cooper Anibal** with 1:52 left with a *clutch* 70-yard TD run to give Goffstown a thrilling 24-17 win over its next-door neighbor and a berth in the championship game. Exeter did it on the back of a stifling defense that held Pinkerton to just 107 total yards in claiming a 10-0 over the Astros.

Sports 101: Starting with the 1900s, name the pitcher who won the most games in each decade up to and including the 2000s.

Hot Ticket: It's the Granite State Baseball Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 21, featuring local lad **Chris Carpenter** and emerging Red Sox star **Jackie Bradley Jr.** headlining the event at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets are available at nhfishercats.com and all proceeds go to benefit the Fisher Cats Foundation, CHaD and the Ted Williams Museum.

Alumni News: Nice to see things are going well for ex-Central QB **Riley Cote** in his freshman season at Curry College in Mil-

ton, Mass. Well, it was even better than well in his first start a couple of weeks back. He was named the winner of the New England Football Writers Gold Helmet Award after leading Curry to a 42-14 dismantling of previously undefeated Coast Guard. He earned it by accounting for all six CC touchdowns when he ran for two and threw for four more while going 24-35 on the day and piling up 351 yards through the air.

Sports 101 Answer: 1900s – Christy Mathewson, 236; 1910s – Walter Johnson, 265; 1920s – Burleigh Grimes, 190; 1930s – Lefty Grove, 199; 1940s – Hal Newhouser, 170, 1950s – Warren Spahn, 202, 1960s – Marichal, 191; 1970s – Jim Palmer, 186; 1980s – Jack Morris, 162; 1990s – Greg Maddux, 176; 2000s – Andy Pettite, 147.

On This Date – Nov. 19: 1953 – The U.S. Supreme Court incredibly rules in a 7-2 majority that baseball is a sport and not a business. **1978** – The Miracle at the Meadowlands happens when the bozo Giants fumble with running a play instead of taking a knee with 31 seconds left while leading 17-13, which Philly DB **Herman Edwards** returns for a game-winning touchdown. **1989** – U.S. beats Trinidad 1-0 to qualify for the 1990 world soccer cup for the first time since 1950. 🌩

The Numbers

23 – touchdowns scored by the aforementioned **Connor Bourque** with the last coming on the previously mentioned game-winning 70-yard run that gave him 170 yards on the day.

32 – points scored by **Mike McCahey** and **Rod-**

ney Sanders while leading Saint Anselm and SNHU to an 82-59 win over New York's St. Thomas Aquinas and 93-81 over Bridgeport respectively last weekend.

54 – length in yards of the field goal nailed by **Steve Gostkowski** with one second left to make the G-Men

finally feel the sting of a last-second defeat to the Pats in their 27-26 win on Sunday.

121 – yards gained in 14 rushes by Londonderry's **Eric Fairweather** in leading Saint Anselm to a season-ending 39-30 win over Pace on Saturday. 🌩

Sports Glossary

Nolan Ryan Trade: The 1971 Mets had an embarrassment of young pitching riches, which included **Tom Seaver** (311 wins), **Jerry Koosman** (222 wins) and **Nolan Ryan** (325 wins). But they had a lineup that made their descendants now playing in Flushing Meadows look like Murderers Row. So the electric but wildly wild Ryan was deemed expendable and along with 22-year-old **Leroy Stanton** was dealt to California for six-time All-Star shortstop **Jim Fregosi**. How they thought the fading Fregosi was the answer after he hit just 5 homers and knocked in 33 in 1971 remains a mystery. Plus with slick-fielding **Bud Harrelson** at short he had to change positions, making him sort of a dual '70s version of the declining Panda and position-switching **Hanley Ramirez** in one package. After knocking in just 43 runs Jimbo was sold to Texas a year later. Meanwhile Ryan won 296 more games and Stanton eventually hit 27 homers for Seattle in 1977.

Murderers Row: The nickname given to the 1927 Yankees when they batted .307 as **Babe Ruth** (60 & 165) and **Lou Gehrig** (47 & 173) combined for an unheard of 107 homers and 338 RBI.

Cameron Maybin: A .251 lifetime hitting journeyman with 42 homers for four teams in nine seasons after once being Detroit's "untouchable" top prospect.

Andrew Miller: Once ticketed to be a major top-of-the-rotation horse, he was pulled off the scrap heap and turned into a reliever by **Theo Epstein** after being released by Florida in 2010.

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LOOKING FOR
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REINVENT

Thanksgiving

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It's Thanksgiving, and the table is set in all its autumnal glory — muted linens in deep reds, browns and creams line the place settings that surround the cornucopia centerpiece. As everyone sits down in anticipation, the dishes are unveiled — revealing the same simple mashed potatoes, steamed green beans, canned cranberry sauce and roasted turkey that has made up Thanksgiving dinner every year before.

Perhaps it's time for a change. Whether you want to revamp the entire meal or just add one new dish to the table, getting out of a food rut can be as simple or complex as you want it to be. We spoke with local chefs and bakers who had plenty of ideas to help you reinvent Thanksgiving. Go ahead, try one — or all! — of these inspired dishes and make this a meal to remember.

TO REINVENT OR NOT TO REINVENT

Few holidays in the American calendar have culinary traditions as polarizing as Thanksgiving. While it may be customary for certain families to enjoy ham on Easter or roast beef on Christmas, serving anything but turkey on Thanksgiving is, to many, blasphemous.

"In our culture, we don't have a lot of traditional foods compared to other societies, and so Thanksgiving does seem to be honored more, and for that reason the flavors should be respected," said Karina Pasternak, baking and pastry instructor for Southern New Hampshire University. "There's a lot of integrity in the history of Thanksgiving meals."

Yet because of tradition, many folks make the same dish every year.

"People just get stuck in a rut and they're making the same pie over and over again," said Alison Ladman, baker and owner of The Crust & Crumb

Baking Company. "Maybe it's not the best pie. Maybe you could make it better."

Instead of clinging to what you know for the sake of upholding tradition, take a step back and evaluate the components that make up a Thanksgiving meal. You certainly don't have to do away with sweet potatoes, green beans, pumpkins and stuffing — after all, you've waited all year to revel in those flavors — but why not give it a little twist?

"You don't have to completely take

all the traditional dishes and throw them aside," said Tracey Couture-Fitts, executive chef and general manager at Funktion Spirits & Spoonfuls. "Think about who your guests are and your family and how traditional they are, but I think everyone likes to try something new every once in a while."

She said the most important part of Thanksgiving is family, but turkey is a close second for some.

"Everybody wants to see the turkey on

Creamy polenta

From the kitchen of Tracey Couture-Fitts

1 cup polenta
4 cups water
1 teaspoon salt



Place water on stove top and bring to boil. Once boiling, add salt. Whisk in polenta. Mix well and whisk until it starts to thicken. Turn

heat down to low. Continue to stir every five minutes or so, being sure to scrape sides and bottom, mixing well. At about 30 minutes you'll have a nice consistency. Cook a little longer (10 minutes or so) to make thicker. Remove from heat. Add butter and cheese and serve as is or add other flavors. Suggestions— stir in blue cheese and crumble bacon, stir in a pesto sauce and top with chopped spinach and Parmesan cheese, or top with seasonal roasted vegetables.

Turkey chili with cocoa

From the kitchen of Liz Barbour

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 medium onions, medium dice
- 4 garlic cloves, chopped
- 2 red peppers, diced
- 1½ teaspoons dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 tablespoons mild chili powder
- 1½ tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1½ teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 28-ounce can diced tomatoes
- 3 cups low-sodium turkey or chicken stock
- 1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
- 3 15-ounce cans small black or white beans, rinsed and drained
- 4 cups cooked turkey breast, cubed

Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
Optional toppings: Chopped red onion, chopped fresh cilantro, sour cream

Heat oil and onions in heavy-bottomed soup pot over low heat. Cook covered until the onions are soft, about 8 to 10 minutes. Add chopped garlic and cook, stirring occasionally until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Add oregano, cumin, chili powder, cocoa powder, and cinnamon; cook 1 minute, stirring occasionally. Add tomatoes with their juices, the stock, tomato sauce and beans. Bring to boil then reduce the heat to low and simmer 45 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add cooked and cubed turkey meat to chili and simmer to warm the turkey through, about 10 minutes. Serves eight.

the table,” she said. “So do the turkey, but as far as the sides that go with it, why not change it up and just see what else you can come up with?”

THE MAIN MEAT

There are stark and subtle ways to jazz up the meal’s leading dish — the turkey. There’s no question that most people will want to eat turkey (and lots of it), but oven-roasted and served on a platter isn’t the only way.

Why not make a **turkey pot pie**, **open-faced turkey sandwiches** or **turkey chili** served in a roasted pumpkin? As Liz Barbour, chef and owner of The Creative Feast in Hollis, says, that’s “about as Thanksgiving as it gets.”

You could impress your guests with **turkey roulade**, a rolled and roasted stuffed turkey breast. Recently, executive chef Matt Provencher played with the idea of serving turkey roulade as part of a special dinner at The Foundry and thinks it would make for a nice presentation on the Thanksgiving table.

“The idea was get the turkeys, clean them up, and then cut the breast off, filet them out and then stuff it with confit turkey legs,” he said.

While more advanced recipes are not for everyone, brave souls looking to take up the challenge can also **confit the whole turkey**, which Provencher and his wife did for their first Thanksgiving together.

“But most people don’t have two and a half gallons of duck fat sitting around,” he said.

Another option is to **bone out the turkey**, which yields a much smoother cooking process.

“You try to keep it completely whole and you roll it back up and tie it so you get pretty much like a boneless whole turkey,” he said. “The goal is to get one even cylinder so it will cook a lot smoother, a lot easier, and it’s just not this massive bird.”

If you still prefer the more tradition-

MEALS ON THE FRINGE

The Crust & Crumb Baking Company in Concord sells quiche and pork pies during the Thanksgiving season, both savory pies that Ladman said most likely aren’t eaten during the big meal. “I think they do it for the night before or the night after,” she said. “You have family coming into town for three days. Not everybody wants Thanksgiving for three meals a day.” The pork pie has apples and rosemary with mashed sweet potatoes on top, their take on the traditional French-Canadian pie. “It’s still a very homey, fall, cold weather food,” she said. “I think people like it because it reminds them of going to grandma’s house.”

PREPPED FOR TRAVEL

If you’re bringing a dish to someone else’s house for Thanksgiving, make sure it’s something that can be served easily.

“If you’re a guest, try not to bring anything you’re going to put in the oven, because chances are they’re going to be using the oven,” Barbour said.

Couture-Fitts said her Brussels sprouts with maple and bacon wouldn’t work for a potluck meal because you want them to go straight from the oven to the table.

“That’s a great addition — if you’re hosting,” she said.

She’d lean toward the harvest quinoa salad (could be served cold as a starter alongside a green salad) or the sweet potato au gratin for a potluck meal.

“Once the Thanksgiving table gets made ... there’s not a lot of foods that are actually hot by the time you sit down,” Barbour said.

So a dish that’s tasty at room temperature works well, like a vegetable salad or a vegetable side dish with a sauce you can warm up and pour over once you arrive. If you do bring a salad, don’t dress it until you get there.

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al form, try mixing up what flavors the turkey, like Sky Meadow Country Club executive chef Joe Drift did over the summer with his **turkey with lobster stuffing**.

"I've added sausage to it, shrimp, lobster," he said of the stuffing. "I've kicked it up [in] other ways like that."

Or lessen the burden by cooking sections of a turkey, not the entire bird.

"Roast just the breast," Barbour said. "The benefit of that is you have a very specific [section], only cooking the breast meat so you know you're not going to overcook. Getting just the turkey breast on the bone is a really great option."

If you're really looking to take the meal in a whole new direction, try **polenta**, a cornmeal-based dish that can take many forms.

"I love using polenta as a main course," Couture-Fitts said. "You could cool it and press it and kind of cut it up into whatever size piece you want. You can oven-fry it after that, [or] you can pan-sear it after that."

Marinated Beets

From the kitchen of Matt Provencher

3 pounds beets, as uniform size as possible
2 shallots, cleaned and sliced as thin as possible

½ cup balsamic vinegar

¼ cup honey

Fresh chopped thyme, to taste

Splash of olive oil

Salt and pepper to taste

Place beets in large pot and cover with

It's really versatile."

Once it's mixed, polenta can be a canvas for myriad flavor options, like roasted squash or wilted baby spinach.

"You kind of look outside the box a little bit and say, 'Well, that would be a really nice main course for someone that doesn't want to have the turkey,'" she said.

As one who doesn't eat meat and also hosts Thanksgiving every year, Couture-Fitts is always looking for ways to add alternative dishes that appeal to both vegetarians and meat-eaters.

"I try and make it so that people will eat a little bit of everything," she said. "And a lot of people are trying to do less meat, so introducing them a little bit [to] those options is nice."

ON THE SIDE

If you're looking to try out a new recipe or make an alteration to a traditional one, doing so with a side dish may be the best way to cycle in a change to the Thanksgiving

cold water, season with salt. Place pot on high heat and bring to a boil and then turn down to a simmer. Cook beets until tender when pierced with a fork. While beets are cooking, mix shallots, vinegar, honey and olive oil in a bowl until well-mixed. Once beets are cooked, drain; once they are cool enough to handle, peel them by rubbing them with a towel. Cut beets into wedges and place in marinade, mix beets and cover with plastic wrap. Let beets cool. Best if left to sit overnight.



Sweet Potato Gratin

From the kitchen of Joe Drift

10 large sweet potatoes

1 quart heavy cream

2 cups grated Parmesan

Salt and pepper to taste

¼ cup diced fresh sage

Slice sweet potatoes super-thin (mandoline would be best). Pour some of the heavy cream into 13x9 pan. Layer sweet potatoes in the pan and season with salt and pepper,

grated Parmesan cheese, sage and more cream after every three layers of sweet potato. Repeat process until pan is almost full. Press down on the potatoes so they are really tight in the pan and firm. Preheat to 350 degrees and place gratin in oven. Should take 1 to 1½ hours. When potatoes start to brown nicely, stick a knife in center to make sure it's smooth, no resistance. If potatoes still a little hard, put back until firm. Once out, let cool (so it doesn't fall apart before slicing out portions). About 30 minutes to rest. Serves 12.

Asparagus with Crispy Prosciutto, Goat Cheese and Orange Vinaigrette

From the kitchen of Joe Drift

4 bunches green asparagus

½ pound thinly sliced prosciutto

12 ounces goat cheese, crumbled

6 oranges, use juice and zest

¼ cup red wine vinegar

½ cup olive oil

Salt and pepper, to taste

4 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Cut one inch off the bottom of

asparagus. Blanch asparagus for two minutes in boiling water, then immediately shock in ice water to stop cooking process. Line 13x9 casserole pan with asparagus. Sprinkle goat cheese and prosciutto over the top of asparagus evenly. Put in oven at 350 degrees for about 12 to 15 minutes or until cheese is melted and prosciutto is crispy. Serves 12.

Orange vinaigrette

Blend together orange juice, olive oil, vinegar and zest. Add salt and pepper, add Dijon mustard. Pour over the top after casserole comes out of the oven.



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UPCYCLING LEFTOVERS

If you're planning on eating leftovers for days after Thanksgiving, it might be nice to have a couple of options beyond turkey sandwiches for variety's sake. Pasternak suggests making a bread pudding flavored with any leftover produce like pumpkin, apple or cranberry. "If you have leftover pecans from your pecan pie, adding that with chocolate chips to the mix of the stale bread and the custard or some apple pieces or if you have some pumpkin puree left over then you can stir that into your bread pudding mix," she said. Last year, Couture-Fitts repurposed her leftovers into a casserole. "[It had] mashed potatoes and sliced sweet potatoes and green beans and I'm sure there were Brussels sprouts in there and then the turkey and I made some gravy and kind of layered it and it was very odd," she said. "It was a Thanksgiving casserole and it was super super fun." She'll most likely make it again this year, since it was such a big hit with her family.

ing lineup, because even if it's not a big hit, there are still plenty of standard sides to choose from.

Couture-Fitts's family always held a big, traditional dinner and since taking on the role of host, she's not only added in dishes — like **sweet potato au gratin**, **Brussels sprouts with maple and bacon** and **harvest quinoa salad with cranberries and pine nuts** — but improved on the ones she grew up with, like **mashed potatoes**.

"When I make mine it's definitely the salt and pepper, butter, [but] I put cream cheese in my mashed potatoes, I put garlic in my mashed potatoes, I put chives in them, and just depending on who's coming sometimes there's bacon in those mashed potatoes [to] just bring out more flavor," she said.

If you want to mix spices and other ingredients into mashed potatoes or another vegetable dish but aren't sure what flavors to use, set a small dish aside while making the big batch and toss things in for

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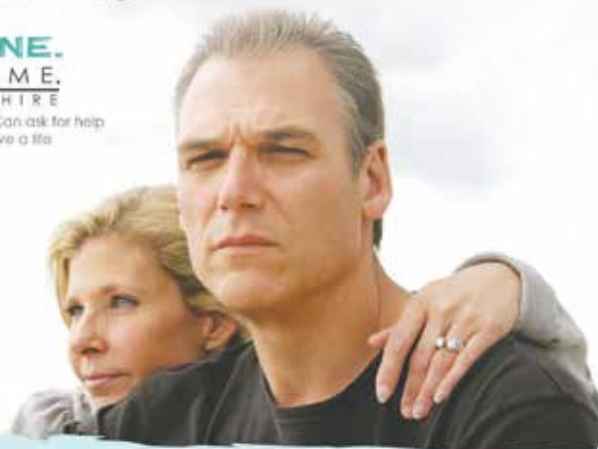
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Cranberry Raspberry Sauce

From the kitchen of Liz Barbour

- 1 package fresh cranberries
- ½ cup of sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1 package frozen raspberries

Combine water, sugar and cranberries in medium saucepan. Bring to boil. Reduce

heat and simmer gently for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Turn off heat and cool cranberries to room temperature. After cranberries have cooled completely, gently stir in raspberries. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes three cups. *Make this a savory sauce by adding one tablespoon of fresh chopped rosemary and ½ teaspoon of salt while cooking the cranberries and sugar.

Roasted Butternut Squash with Arugula

From the kitchen of Liz Barbour

- 1 small butternut squash, peeled
- Olive oil
- 4 cups baby arugula, roughly chopped
- 8 cloves garlic, cut into thin slivers lengthwise
- ½ teaspoon kosher or sea salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Preheat the oven to 425

degrees. Line two baking pans with tin foil. Cut squash into ½-inch cubes. Toss with 2 teaspoons olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Place onto prepared baking pans in a single layer and place in oven. Cook for 10 minutes, until just fork tender. Heat large sauté pan with 2 tablespoons olive oil and garlic slivers. Cook over low heat, stirring occasionally until garlic is softened and lightly browned, 3 to 5 minutes. Add cooked squash to the sauté pan. Add arugula and sauté, tossing gently until arugula is wilted. Season with salt and pepper to taste if needed. Serve immediately, sprinkled with cheese if using. Serves six.

Green Bean Casserole

From the kitchen of Matt Provencher

3 pounds fresh green beans, cleaned
 ½ pound unsalted butter
 1 pound mushrooms, sliced (button are good, wild are better)
 3 shallots, peeled and small diced
 1 quart heavy cream
 1 can French's crispy onions
 Salt and pepper to taste

Put large pot of well-salted water on

high heat and bring to a boil. Slice green beans on a bias. Blanch green beans in the boiling water in small batches, shocking in ice water. Sweat out shallots in butter. Add in mushrooms, cook until tender. Once mushrooms are cooked, add in heavy cream and reduce until thick. Toss with green beans, season with salt and pepper. Put mixture in oven-proof container, top with onions and bake until golden brown.



Brussels Sprouts with Maple and Bacon

From the kitchen of Tracey Couture-Fitts

Brussels sprouts, cleaned and trimmed
 Salt and pepper
 Maple syrup
 Bacon, cooked and chopped
 (Amount of ingredients varies based on the amount of sprouts starting with and personal taste on light or heavy bacon and maple presence)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place sprouts in mixing bowl, drizzle with maple syrup and season with salt and pepper. Mix well. Place in shallow baking pan. Roast in oven for about 40 minutes, stirring about half-way through. (To cut down cooking time, cut sprouts in half and roast for about 20 minutes). Check sprouts by poking with a fork, should be "fork tender," not too soft but able to pierce. Remove and toss with bacon.

a taste test.

"If it comes out great then just mix the whole batch," Couture-Fitts said, and if not just go back to the plain or try a new combination. "And every chef will tell you, that's what we do the whole time — we taste everything."

Cranberry sauce has a classic "tart sweet flavor" that's perfectly suited for complementing savory sides and main courses, Barbour said, but often comes with followers that draw a hard line in the sand in terms of what makes cranberry sauce cranberry sauce. "So you have to respect that," she said. "Some people are very particular." If you do have a little wiggle room, play up the sweet aspect by adding frozen raspberries for a fruitier flavor or make it savory with rosemary. You can also add cranberries to a number of

side dishes or even mix them in with applesauce, Barbour said.

Green beans are another vegetable side good for playing around with flavors. Barbour shifted away from her mother's standard with almonds in favor of an Asian-inspired dish with fresh green beans, rosemary and soy sauce, while Provencher redesigned his grandmother's traditional **green bean casserole** (she made it with canned green beans and cream of mushroom soup).

"That's one of my favorites and that brings me back to childhood," he said. "We get fresh green beans, blanch them off, get really nice mushrooms, saute them up, do it with heavy cream, reduce it down, make it our own cream of mushroom soup, then mix that in a little flash-fried onions on the top," he said.



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Though a green bean casserole is a must-have for his Thanksgiving table, he's all for incorporating often overlooked local fall produce, like **beets**.

"I love beets," he said. "You know whether it's roasted, candied, pickled."

And while he loves butternut squash as much as the next chef, he said other **winter squashes** would make a nice addition, such as the Long Island cheese pumpkins and red kuris he recently had piled high in The Foundry's kitchen window.

"The red kuris are my favorite. It's a

really dense squash, really flavorful," he said. "We can take one of those, split it open, roast it, mash it up."

Drift maintains dish loyalty to his **stuffing**, making the same one each year with celery, onions, carrots, leeks and a few types of bread (savory herb, garlic and Portuguese sweet bread).

A true "New England boy," he does like to keep the traditional flavors present in some form, but is intrigued by the idea of having an entirely non-traditional Thanksgiving.

Chocolate Pumpkin Cake (with Cranberry Orange Mousse)

From the kitchen of Karina Pasternak

Cake

3 ounces butter (tablespoons)
2 cups sugar
2 extra-large eggs
2 cups cake flour
1¼ teaspoons baking soda
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ cup cocoa powder
1½ cups milk
1 cup pumpkin puree
2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 10-inch cake pan or 9-x-13-inch pan. Cream together butter and sugar in mixing bowl for about 5 minutes, until thoroughly combined. Add eggs while beating, until completely combined. Sift together flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon and cocoa in a separate bowl. Mix together milk, pumpkin puree and vinegar in another bowl. Alternately add flour mixture and milk mixture to the butter, starting and ending with the flour. Pour batter into the prepared dish. Bake for about 30 minutes or until cake springs back upon touch.

Can be prepared up to 48 hours in advance. Serve with a whole-berry cranberry sauce, whipped cream and/or chocolate sauce or cranberry orange mousse. Serves 4 to 6.

Mousse

4 ounces cream cheese
¼ cup sugar
2 tablespoons orange juice
1 orange, zested
½ cup 100-percent cranberry juice or pomegranate juice
1 16-ounce can whole cranberry sauce, stirred
1 cup heavy cream

In large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese with an electric mixer on medium speed for 30 seconds. Beat in sugar, orange zest and orange juice until smooth. Slowly add cranberry juice, beating until very smooth. In chilled large mixing bowl whip heavy cream with an electric mixer at medium speed until soft peaks form or until cream begins to hold shape. Fold about half the cranberry sauce and half the whipped cream into the cream cheese mixture until combined. Fold in remaining cranberry sauce and whipped cream. Serve immediately or refrigerate up to 24 hours covered. Stir gently before serving.



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"I think what I may do one year for my family [is] just not tell them and not have turkey and everything and it would be something to talk about for years," he said. "No mashed potatoes or stuffing."

But until he decides to execute that dinner experiment, Drift makes sure to cook all of the standards, but with a keen eye toward presentation.

"Presentation is really important," he said. "Not as much as taste, but I always work on presentation, because anyone can throw some **asparagus** on a casserole dish, but when you have a salted prosciutto and creamy goat cheese, it's kind of colorful on the plate."

Home cooks need not be intimidated to plate their dishes. It could be as simple as adding a small garnish instead of just piling produce on a plate.

"Like for example, if you were doing ... squash with dried cranberries, instead of chopping it up fine, put the cranberries in at the end and slice the sage a little differently so you can see it so there's more visual," he said.

SWEET ENDINGS

Apple and pumpkin pies are the go-to Thanksgiving desserts. If you love those flavors but still yearn for something new, switch up the format.

Ladman suggested serving **baked apples, stuffed apples or apple crisp** instead of an apple pie or **whoopie pies, muffins or tarts** in lieu of the pumpkin pie.

"[You] don't have to completely reinvent the wheel," she said.

Add a bit of citrus to the pumpkin or play around with the ingredient amounts, increasing the amount of ginger or using maple syrup instead of sugar.

"Maybe it's not just a pumpkin pie, may-



be it's a maple pumpkin pie, maybe it's a citrus pumpkin pie," she said. "In my house growing up, one pumpkin pie was never enough. It was OK to have one of the pumpkin pies be a little different than all the other pumpkin pies because, you know, my brother ate a whole pie himself. He still does."

Though the main fruit of the dish may garner all the attention, Pasternak said it's really the **spices** (ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg and clove) that make a Thanksgiving dessert. Keep to those flavors with a small leap of faith by adding spices to a choco-

late dessert.

"Sometimes people I think are scared of pairing spices with chocolate, but cinnamon, nutmeg, cardamom, all of those nice, deep spices pair really nicely with chocolate," Pasternak said. "You could do a **spiced chocolate cake with a cranberry mousse** [that] wouldn't be too hard to do, but it would give you the flavors and a little variety."

This time of year, she likes to incorporate everything from allspice and cayenne to clove and even orange into desserts.

"It's [orange] not a spice but a nice complement of flavors to brighten something really rich and heavy like chocolate. ... It [also] offsets the sweetness in a pecan pie and complements the pumpkin."

Regardless of which dish, or dishes, you want to change up this year, don't be afraid to take a risk — sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't.

"Try something new, put something fun on the table," Couture-Fitts said. "You never know what people are going to like, but you have to try." 🍷

Pumpkin Pot de Crème

From the kitchen of Karina Pasternak

1¼ cups heavy cream
½ cup whole milk
⅓ cup molasses
⅓ cup sugar
½ cup canned solid-pack pumpkin
5 large egg yolks
2 whole eggs

¾ teaspoon cinnamon
⅛ teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
⅛ teaspoon salt
4 4-ounce custard cups, ramekins or mason jars

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Whisk together heavy cream, milk, molasses and pumpkin in heavy saucepan and bring just to a simmer over moderate heat. In

a bowl, whisk together yolks, eggs, cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla and salt. While whisking constantly, pour hot pumpkin mixture to eggs in a slow, steady stream. Pour custard through fine-mesh sieve into large measuring cup, then divide among custard cups. Place filled custard cups into a 9x13 inch casserole dish. Pour boiling water into dish (careful not to pour water into the custards) until the water reaches halfway up the sides of the rame-

kins. Cover casserole dish tightly with aluminum foil and bake in middle of oven until a knife inserted in center of custard comes out clean. Should take 35 to 40 minutes; surface of custards should be shiny and smooth. Transfer custards to rack to cool completely. Refrigerate covered for at least 2 hours. Can be prepared up to 48 hours in advance. Serve chilled with whipped cream.

Spiced apple pumpkin crisp

From the kitchen of Alison Ladman

For the filling:

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
4 large apples, peeled, cored and diced
½ cup brown sugar
2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
½ teaspoon salt
2 eggs



1 cup canned pumpkin puree
1 cup heavy cream

For the topping:

1 cup oats
1 cup flour
½ cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup toasted and chopped walnuts (optional)

6 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 9x9-inch baking dish or medium casserole dish with cooking spray. In a large skillet, melt the butter. Add apples, brown sugar, and pumpkin pie spice and cook over medium-high heat until the apples are tender, about 6 to 7 minutes. Allow to cool slightly. In a medium bowl, whisk together salt, eggs,

pumpkin puree and cream. Add apples into the pumpkin and stir to combine. Spoon mixture into prepared pan. In another medium bowl, combine all topping ingredients, working the butter into dry ingredients with your fingers until everything is moistened and crumbly. Sprinkle over top of the apple-pumpkin filling and bake for 40 to 50 minutes or until the top is golden brown and center is set up. Serve warm or at room temperature. Makes 8 servings.

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Start Thanksgiving with a morning run at the **3rd Annual Rotary Club of Merrimack's Turkey Trot**, beginning at 8 a.m., at the Merrimack Middle School (31 Madeline Bennett Drive). Pre-registration costs \$15 for kids and \$20 for adults. Race-day registration begins at 7 a.m. and costs \$15 for kids and \$25 for adults. The first 160 registrants will get a free T-shirt. Please bring a canned good for the Nashua Soup Kitchen. Visit merrimack5k.com.

Eat: Thanksgiving breakfast

Join New Horizons for New Hampshire for its **22nd Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast** on Tuesday, Nov. 24, from 7:15 to 9 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel (650 Elm St., Manchester). Enjoy a nice breakfast and participate in a silent auction, raffle and donation period to help the hungry and homeless in the community during this holiday season. Tickets cost \$50. Visit newhorizonsfornh.org.

Drink: Tea

The Cozy Tea Cart Shoppe and Cafe (104 Route 13, Brookline) will have a **November Tea Blending Class** on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Learn about the Cozy Tea Cart's selected ingredients, how to blend fragrance and flavors, then make your own pear or pecan praline tea to take home. The cost is \$25 per person plus the cost of the tea blend. Registration is required. Visit thecozyteacart.com.

Be merry: With games

Saturday, Nov. 21, is the **8th Annual International Games Day @ your library**. More than 1,000 libraries around the world will host a day of board games, puzzles, cards and more. Some participating libraries are Nesmith Library (10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 8 Fellows Road, Windham, nesmithlibrary.org), Goffstown Public Library (11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 2 High St., goftownlibrary.com) and Hampstead Public Library (9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 9 Mary E Clark Drive, hampstead.lib.nh.us). Call your local library to see if it is participating.

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Start browsing

Weekend of arts shopping

By Kelly Sennott
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The weekend before Thanksgiving is a big one for buying local art and handmade goods. Here are some local markets, fairs and events to get your holiday shopping started, whatever your pricepoint.

Manchester

The place to go this weekend in the Queen City is Studio 550's **3rd Annual Handmade Holiday Market** on Saturday, Nov. 21, from noon to 5 p.m. About 15 artists will converge and sell things like handbags, upcycled bicycle part jewelry, hand-bound art books, wooden signs, canvas jewelry, 3-D weaving and naturally found object jewelry. There's even an artist, Bryan Dwyer, who solders and sells his own geometric glass terrariums.

"I'd like to think the quality of the artist-crafter is higher here because it is a juried show. Since we are limited on space, we can only take the ones who we think fit," Studio 550 owner Monica Leap said in an email. "There's also a great variety in prices — people can find things to take home for \$2 or \$5, or they can spend a little more for something, or someone, really special."

For the bargain hunter, there's a table that contains items in which you pay what you think the item's worth (within reason), with proceeds going CERF, Craft Emergency Relief Fund, which offers money to craftspeople in hardship.

Visitors can also choose pieces from the studio's 3rd Annual Cup Show, which will be on display through January, and the weaving exhibition with work by Cheryl Holbert. For munchies, Sunshine Scoops Ice Cream Shop and Bakery will bring baked goods, including mini and full-sized pies. Leap hopes for a great turnout of shoppers looking to buy local.

"People understand the movement to support local farms and to buy local food. I



Studio 550 hosts its 3rd Handmade Holiday Market this weekend. Courtesy photo.

support that movement fully, but along the same vein, I love supporting local artisans and buying local for the holidays," Leap said.

Portsmouth

For a more intimate shopping experience, attend the **15th Annual Portsmouth Holiday Arts Tour**, which is Friday, Nov. 20, from 5 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at eight Portsmouth studios showcasing 15 artists' work.

This free, self-guided tour brings you into the places where Seacoast artists create — except that, this weekend, they'll have transformed their workspaces into comfortable showrooms. Many of the artists — painters, potters, jewelry makers, blacksmiths, printmakers — will also perform demos on weekend days.

Dyanna Smith, a glass jewelry artist, had already begun tidying her workspace above her garage, "reducing the normal artist's chaos" and readying it for shoppers, at the time of her phone interview. Smith has been an event participant for eight years.

Smith said all the studios are fairly close, but cars are required, as some stops sit a few miles from one another. She thinks it's fun having people in her space, curious about her process and her work, which this year includes colorful glass earrings, necklaces and sculptural art.

"I'll be working all weekend, constantly demoing, and talking about my process," Smith said. "It's a busy time, but it's also, you know, an inspirational time. I think I speak for all of us — when we start to gear up for something like an open studio, it really sparks your creative energy, so it can be a really productive time."

She thinks the event's more personal than a craft fair.

"It's really fun to meet people and see friends. It's different in that it's a warm experience, and you can really kind of engage and get to know the artist behind what you're purchasing," she said.

Amherst

The **East Colony Fine Art** artists collaborative might not have a permanent space

in downtown Manchester anymore, but they've far from given up. The organization hosts a pop-up gallery at the Salzburg Square Shopping Center Nov. 5 through Dec. 24, showcasing 24 artists' work.

In addition to regular hours, the artists are holding a holiday open house Thursday, Nov. 19, from 4 to 7 p.m., and Black Friday and Small Business Saturday events, which will include door prizes and artist demonstrations in oils, mixed media, collage, fused glass, etc.

The show happens in a vacant storefront, and gifts range from handpainted wine glasses (with dragonflies, horses) to bird cages and items not normally offered except during the holidays, like ornaments and holiday decor. Along one wall is an assortment of 6-inch by 6-inch paintings that all members participated in creating.

"We want people to be aware of New Hampshire-made items like fine art," said Elaine Farmer in a phone interview. "There are a lot of gifted, talented artists than you can be purchasing unique, one-of-a-kind gifts from."

Peterborough

The young, hip place to shop this weekend is **Broke: The Affordable Arts Fair**, which occurs on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Peterborough Town Hall and showcases more than 50 artists selling creations for less than \$50.

Organized by the Glass Museum, the event is always crowded with people young and old, said Sam Bonacci, Glass Museum board member. Every year there's pottery, jewelry, children's clothing and paintings, but he thinks the products have a more "Etsy" feel. One of his favorite vendors creates sculptures from old porcelain. Many are upcyclers.

"You also have more pottery, which you don't think of as being kooky or crazy, but people do all kinds of different firing techniques that you wouldn't normally see at a traditional craft fair. The artistry is, from my perspective, at another level, and is a little more unique," Bonacci said.

The event originated in 2008 and has become so popular it's grossed up to \$30,000 in sales in past years. Submissions this year totaled around 100. Most of the artists are from New England and many are local to Peterborough. It tends to draw younger crowds, too, with vendors as young as high school age.

"We definitely attract younger artists and younger people. That's kind of the [aim] in keeping that pricepoint down. We want people to be able to afford the art," he said.

The art of shopping

Handmade Holiday Market

Where: Studio 550, 550 Elm St., Manchester
When: Saturday, Nov. 21, noon to 5 p.m.
Contact: 550arts.com, 232-5597

Portsmouth Holiday Arts Tour

When: Friday, Nov. 20, 5 to 8 p.m. (opening night, includes refreshments at most studios); Saturday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Website: portsmouthartstour.com, where you can also download maps; signs will be posted

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East Colony Fine Art Pop-up Gallery

Where: Salzburg Square Shopping Center, 292 Route 101, Amherst
When: On view now through Dec. 24, hours Thursdays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Holiday Open House: Thursday, Nov. 19, 4 to 7 p.m.

Broke: The Affordable Arts Fair

Where: Peterborough Town Hall, 1 Grove St., Peterborough
When: Saturday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Website: thethinginspring.com, facebook.com/brokearts
Concert: There's a concert following at Harlow's Pub, 3 School St., Peterborough; it's a 21-plus event and showcases Paper Castles, Doolittle Family and Rick from Pile, tickets \$8, show starts at 8 p.m.

LOCAL COLOR —

NH art world news

• **Kids' art:** The Currier Art Center hosts the 2015 Student Exhibition and Open House on Saturday, Nov. 21, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Art Center, 180 Pearl St., Manchester. The exhibition showcases some of the work done in studio classes throughout the term; visit currier.org or call 669-6144. Also this week, young artists can get inspiration from a storytime event; on Monday, Nov. 23, at 11:30 a.m., a librarian reads, *What Do You Do With an Idea?* by Kobi Yamada, and afterward, kids will create their own work of art. The event is aimed at kids ages 2 to 5 but all are welcome. Kids 12 and younger always get free admission.

• **Picker closing:** Last week, the Nashua Telegraph announced that the longtime owner of the Picker Building, Jack Bolger, in the Millyard accepted an offer to sell the four-story former mill. Bolger told tenants in a letter he was retiring and accepted an offer from the Clocktower Place Apartments to buy the building at 99 Factory St. Ext. The building houses many artist studios, and its closure will leave many displaced.

• **Arts in health care:** The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts announced the 2016 Arts in Health Care grant award-winners: Behavior Health and Developmental Services of Stratham County, to support an artist residency at Riverside Rest Home; Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center, to continue the expansion and development of the adaptive dance program; Easter Seals N.H., for a program that integrates visual arts practices into its Alzheimer's Cafe; the Keene Senior Center, to help fund an artist residency with traditional musicians; and



Jewelry by Paulette Werger. Courtesy photo.

the N.H. Veterans Home, to support two concerts for New Hampshire veterans, their families and the public.

The council gives these grants in part because studies indicate that arts activities can help individuals decrease anxiety, stress and mood disturbances and find the strength to heal. Visit nh.gov/nharts.

• **Botanical art:** Paulette Werger is the Exeter Fine Crafts artist of the month, and her work is on view at the gallery, 61 Water St., Exeter, through the month. Werger's exhibition will showcase jewelry, flatware and vessels "that draw upon botanical imagery," as described in the press release, and combine a variety of materials including freshwater pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, high-karat gold and pewter. There's an artist reception on Saturday, Nov. 28, from noon to 3 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Call 778-8282.

— Kelly Sennott

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• **PORTSMOUTH HOLIDAY ARTS TOUR** Eight studios, 15 artists. Self-guided tour. Fri., Nov. 20, 5-8 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Downtown. Free. Visit portsmouthartstour.com.

• **NHIA ILLUSTRATOR LECTURES** Alyssa Nassner Fri., Nov. 20, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. New Hampshire Institute of Art, 148 Concord St., Manchester. Free, open to public. Call 836-2157.

• **SUGAR AND SPICE WEEK-END** Studio artists at the Brush Art Gallery and Studios kick off holiday marketplace with shopping. Sat., Nov. 21, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun., Nov. 22, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Brush Gallery & Studios, 256 Market St., Lowell. Visit thebrush.org.

• **CURRIER ART CENTER 2015 STUDENT EXHIBITION & OPEN HOUSE** Sat., Nov. 21, noon-4 p.m. Currier Art Center, 180 Pearl St., Manchester. Free. Visit currier.org.

• **WHAT DO YOU DO WITH AN IDEA?** Hear librarian read book by Kobi Yamada, then create own work of art. Recommended for kids ages 2 to 5. Mon., Nov. 23, at 11:30 a.m. Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester. Free with museum admission. Visit currier.org, call 669-6144.

Openings

• **"ARCHITECTURE IN NEW ENGLAND"** Fine art exhibition. On view Nov. 19 through Dec. 19. Reception Thurs., Nov. 19,

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Years in the making

Concord players go all out with *Sweeney Todd*

By Kelly Sennott
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Sarah Souter and Matt McGonagle began studying their *Sweeney Todd* characters in a UNH musical theater workshop 25 years ago. They were classmates, one grade apart, and they considered the play's lead characters among their "ideal roles," even as 20-something-year-olds.

"So these characters are 25 years in the making," Souter said before a recent Community Players of Concord rehearsal for *Sweeney Todd*. "It's so complicated and funny, but it's dramatic. It's got so many levels."

McGonagle, lacing up his leather *Sweeney Todd* boots, said timing kind of worked out perfectly for the pair, who also played opposite one another in *Spamalot* two years ago. He thinks you need life experience to really understand this emotionally charged show.

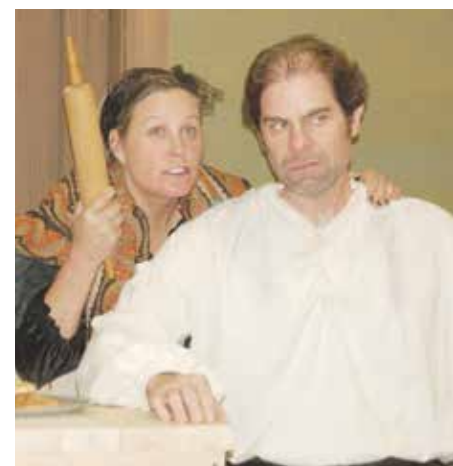
"A lot of musicals are written more for fluff, but this has a lot more meat to it," McGonagle said. "Every year you live, you have another whole year of life experiences you can bring to a character. ... I'm 45, so I'm older in terms of musical theater actors, but ... I think an older [actor] should play this role. It's so deep and complex."

Sweeney Todd is not often done by community theater, as it also requires magnificent sets, props and special effects — you need to be able to produce scenes in which *Sweeney Todd* slits barber clients' throats and sends them through a chute without actually killing anyone. Plus, the music's exceptionally difficult. Adam Boroskas said he's musically directed 60 different shows, but this is the only one he's ever had to practice for.

"It's a unique show because it's 95 percent sung," Boroskas said. "Stephen Sondheim is just a complicated composer, and he considered this show like his swan song. This was the big show in his career."

The musical is based on the 1973 play *Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* by Christopher Bond and is set in 19th-century England. With music by Sondheim and book by Hugh Wheeler, it hit Broadway in 1979, London in 1980, and won the Tony and Olivier awards, respectively, for Best Musical and Best New Musical.

The play is about the return of *Sweeney*



Sarah Souter as Mrs. Lovett and Matt McGonagle as *Sweeney Todd*. Courtesy photo.

Todd to London after 15 years of exile to take revenge on the corrupt judge who banished him. He conspires with a local baker, Mrs. Lovett (played by Souter), who is needed of fresh meat for her pies.

Some members of the Players, like show producer Bob Pearson, have been wanting to do *Sweeney Todd* for years, but they couldn't because of cast, set and budget requirements. They decided to take a chance this year when Wally Pineault agreed to direct.

"You need some really polished singers, and we thought, we're really putting our neck out. We hope [actors] show up," Pineault said.

Luckily, they did show up. The cast is made up of 23 actors, and they perform with the help of eight crew members dressed as factory workers and a nine-piece orchestra.

Pineault designed sets to look almost identical to the original Broadway production. All the buildings are painted as though they're made from distressed wood, with exposed bricks peeking through.

During this run-through, a "dead body" wrapped in a taupe sack sat on the stage floor and a silhouette of St. Paul's Cathedral and Big Ben stood in the backdrop. The pie-baking oven painted to look like rusting steel sat at the stage's edge, and factory gears ran up the wall alongside it.

The most complex piece, Pineault said, was the bakery and barbershop that sat atop it, complete with a chair and person-chute. Pineault designed and built it with the help of several crew members, and he recruited fellow Player Scott Aubertin to engineer a knife that causes its victims to bleed without breaking the skin.

The musical is not for kids — it's about hatred and anger, and there's blood and death and people being mashed into meat pies, plus people who love to eat these pies. But Pineault thinks it's worth seeing because, despite his worries, a great cast turned up.

"We lucked out. We really did," he said.

See *Sweeney Todd*

Where: Concord Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord

When: Friday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 22, 2 p.m.

Admission: \$20

Contact: communityplayersofconcord.org, 228-2793

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Notes from the theater scene

• **Folk-dancey:** The New Yorker says the Koresh Dance Company is "earthy, folk-dancey, emotionally direct, physically intense and ostentatiously eccentric," and the company brings those moves to the Dana Center for the Humanities at Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, on Friday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. The program combines elements of ballet, jazz, modern dance and folk themes, showcased by 10 dancers. Tickets are \$33.75. There's a separate afternoon lecture and demo for dance students, fans and the general public that is free to attend on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 3 p.m. Visit anselm.edu/dana or call 641-7700.

• **Women in military:** The Rhythm of New Hampshire Show Chorus presents *Anchors Away*, a musical comedy honoring the country's women in the military, this Saturday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m., at the Derry Opera House, 29 W. Broadway, Derry. The show features the Pinkerton Academy Treble Singers and includes raffle baskets. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students; visit RNHChorus.org or call 800-696-7351. You can also buy tickets online at derryoperahouse.com.

• **Awesome bathroom:** The Music Hall in Portsmouth has the second-best public restroom in the country, according to Cintas' America's Best Restroom contest. The bathroom has a Hogwarts, Wonderland-esque charm to it, with stone walls, flowing designs and bright red, blue and gold col-



The Koresh Dance Company visits Manchester this weekend. Courtesy photo.

oring. The only bathroom that got more votes was the Town of Minturn in Colorado, which resembles a passageway into a Rocky Mountain mine. Cintas launched the contest in 2002 to honor businesses across the country that consider hygiene and style top priorities. Visit bestrestroom.com.

• **Brand-new musical:** The Alchemists' Workshop is touring its new jazz musical, *Lessons*, inspired by a Tomie dePaola book, *Now One Foot, Now the Other*. The 45-minute show is written for three singers, a pianist and upright bass and is directed by Tom Dunn, Alchemists' Workshop artistic director, and Ellen Nordstrom, vocal director at the Concord Community Music School. The story is about a rebellious teen who learns some life lessons from her grandmother after getting kicked out of school. The show opens Saturday, Nov. 21, at 10 a.m., at Tad's Place, Heritage Heights, 149 East Side Drive, Concord. Additional performances are at 2 and 7 p.m. at the same location. There are other performances in Henniker, Woodstock, Sunapee, Manchester, etc.; learn more at alchemistsworkshop.org or by calling 568-5102. Tickets are \$10.

— Kelly Sennott

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• **CALL FOR ARTISTS: 3RD ANNUAL HOMEMADE HOLIDAY MARKET** Applications accepted until full. Market day is Sat., Nov. 21. Studio 550, 550 Elm St., Manchester. Visit 550arts.com, call 232-5597.

• **CRAFT VENDORS NEEDED** For Nashua Senior Activity Center Holiday Gingerbread Craft Fair Sat., Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Deadline is Wed., Nov. 25. Nashua Senior Activity Center, 70 Temple St., Nashua. 8-foot tables

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Workshops/classes/demonstrations

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The first event is Sunday, Nov. 22, at 6:30 p.m., and is open to all with a suggested \$10 donation. The theme: "He Sang/She Sang," a gender-bent cabaret where performers must sing a song usually done by the opposite sex. Performers include Merrill Peiffer, Chris Bradley, Ben Bagley and Jason Faria. Seraphina Caligiure will host.

"We think this will be a great way for people to wind down their week-end in an interesting way," Caligiure said in a press release. "Plus, it's a great way for our performers to practice, and to sing songs they wouldn't otherwise get to sing."

South Street & Vine will provide red and white wine and cheese. Seacoast Rep members and performers will be given a password each month for a discount at the Rep's full bar during Speakeasy, so deal-seeking patrons should best make friends with one. Call 433-4472 or email tickets@seacoastrep.org. Pictured, Chris Bradley. J. Gagnon Photography.

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ua Fine Craft Gallery, 93 Main St., Nashua. \$55, plus \$35 for materials. Call 595-8233.

• **DRAWING GROUP** Sun., Nov. 22, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Aryaloka Buddhist Center, 14 Heartwood Circle, Newmarket. No registration necessary, free-will offering. Visit aryaloka.org.

• **ZENTANGLE A PUMPKIN** For adults and teens 12 and older, taught by Paula Ellis. Sun., Nov. 22, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. League of NH Craftsmen Nashua Fine Craft Gallery, 93 Main St., Nashua. \$20, plus \$20 for materials. Call 595-8233.

Theater

Productions

• **AN EVENING OF FROST** Interactive performance that begins with biographical introduction of poet's life, includes discussion of poems. Featuring Stephen Collins. Thurs., Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. Hollis Social Library, 2 Monument Square, Hollis. Free. Registration required. Call 465-7721, visit hollislibrary.org.

• **FLAMENCO VIVO/CARLOTA SANTANA** Dance production. Thurs., Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. Stockbridge Theatre, 5 Pinkerton St., Derry. \$15-\$25. Visit stockbridgetheatre.com.

• **OLIVER!** Seacoast Rep production directed by Miles Burns, designed by Ben Hart and Brandon James. Nov. 13 through Dec. 20. Seacoast Repertory Theatre, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth. Tickets start at \$22. Visit seacoastrep.org, call 433-4472.

• **101 DALMATIANS** Music Theatre International production, performed by kids ages 8 to 18. Thurs., Nov. 19, at 7 p.m.; Fri., Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. \$11-

\$14. Call 668-5588, visit palacetheatre.org.

• **PETER PAN** Manchester Community Theatre Players production. Nov. 13 through Nov. 22. North End Montessori School, 698 Beech St., Manchester. \$20. Visit mctp.info.

• **SHREK: THE MUSICAL, JR.** Garrison Players Youth Education production. Nov. 6-21, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Garrison Players Arts Center, Route 4, Dover. \$13. Visit garrisonplayers.org.

• **THE EIGHT** Fri., Nov. 20, at 8 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. Derry VFW, 18 Railroad Ave., Derry. \$15. Visit facebook.com/neptunesushiproductions.

• **ELEEMOSYNARY** NH Theatre Project production by Lee Blessing. Nov. 13 through Nov. 29, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. West End Studio Theatre, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth. \$26, reservations recommended. Call 431-6644, ext. 5, email reservations@nhtheatreproject.org.

• **KORESH DANCE COMPANY** Dance performance. Fri., Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. Dana Center for the Humanities, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester. \$33.75. anselm.edu, 641-7700.

• **SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET ST.** Community Players of Concord production. Fri., Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 22, at 2 p.m. Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. \$20. Visit communityplayersofconcord.org.

at 8 p.m., Sundays, Nov. 15 and 22 at 7 p.m., Sun., Nov. 29, at 3 p.m. Players' Ring, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth. \$15. Visit playersring.org, call 436-8123.

• **CHICAGO** Peacock Players production. Fri., Nov. 20, at 7 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 21, at 2 and 7 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 22, at 2 p.m. Janice B. Streeter Theater, 14 Court St., Nashua. \$12-\$17. Call 886-7000, visit peacockplayers.org.

• **FRECKLEFACE STRAWBERRY: THE MUSICAL** Rochester Opera House production. Through arrangement with Musical Theatre International. Sat., Nov. 21, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 22, at 2 p.m. Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester. \$12. Visit rochesteroperahouse.com, call 332-2211.

• **SOMETHING WONDERFUL I MISSED: THE MUSICALS OF 2005** Not Your Mom's Musical Theater production. Sun., Nov. 22, at 4 p.m. Derry Opera House, 29 W. Broadway, Derry. \$10 suggested. Visit notyourmomsmusicaltheater.com.

• **SPEAKEASY BY THE SEA** Theme is "He Sang/She Sang," gender-bent cabaret where performers must sing a song usually performed by opposite sex. Sun., Nov. 22, at 6:30 p.m. Seacoast Repertory Theatre, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth. \$10 suggested donation. Call 433-4472, email tickets@seacoastrep.org.

• **THE NUTCRACKER** Performed by Southern New Hampshire Dance Theatre. Accompanied by live orchestra. Fri., Nov. 27, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 28, at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 29, at 1 and 4:30 p.m. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. \$25-\$45. Call 668-5588, visit palacetheatre.org.



MAGNIFICAT

The New Hampshire Master Chorale presents its holiday concert on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m., at South Church, 27 Pleasant St., Concord, and on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 3 p.m., at Plymouth Congregational Church, 4 Post Office Square, Plymouth. The concert: The Ecstasies Above & Magnificat, featuring Magnificat, the Cantic of the Blessed Virgin by Johann Sebastian Bach. The program also includes an ethereal setting of Edgar Allan Poe's "The Ecstasies Above" by British composer Tarik O'Regan and a cappella works by Benjamin Britten, plus accompaniment by the Plymouth State University Chamber Singers. Tickets are \$30. Visit nhmc.ticketleap.com/magnificat.

• **A CHRISTMAS MEMORY** By Truman Capote, which describes a period in the lives of 7-year-old narrator and elderly woman, performed by professional actor and director Stephanie Voss Nugent. Sat., Nov. 28, at 6:30 p.m. Hobbs House, 200 High St., Hampton. \$10, proceeds go to community outreach in Trinity Church of Hampton and Christ Church of Portsmouth. Call 926-5688.

• **THE NUTCRACKER** New England Dance Ensemble production. Sat., Nov. 28, at 2 and 7 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 29, at 2 p.m. Windham High School Theater, 64 London Bridge Road, Windham. \$25-\$35. Visit nede.org. Email newenglanddanceensemble@gmail.com.

• **GERALD CHARLES DICKENS: MR. DICKENS IS COMING** Great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens presents look at the life of Charles Dickens as seen through the lens of his colorful characters, diary extracts and observations by the people who knew him. Mon., Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2 Somerset Parkway, Nashua. \$25. Email jill@fortingage.com. He also performs Mon., Nov. 30, at 12:30 p.m. Nashua Senior Activity Center, 70 Temple St., Nashua. \$15. Call 816-2649.

• **AT THE TABLE** PinkOrange production. Includes family-style dinner created by Sam Ostrow, chef of Block Six. Thurs., Dec. 3, at 8 p.m.; Fri., Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. 3S Artspace, 319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth. \$45, includes food. Visit 3Sarts.org.

• **REFLECTIONS** Colby-Sawyer College production. Two-act evening of dance. Fri., Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. Colby-Sawyer College, 541 Main St., New London. \$10. Visit colby-sawyer.edu/tickets, call 526-3670.

• **THE NUTCRACKER** Northeastern Ballet Theatre production. Sat., Dec. 5, at 7 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. Oyster River High School, 55 Coe Drive, Durham. \$20. Visit northeasternballet.org.

• **ANNUAL HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR** Concord Dance Academy production. Sat., Dec. 5, at 1 and 6 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 6,

at 1 p.m. Concord Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. \$15. Visit concorddanceacademy.com, call 226-0200.

• **ARSENIC AND OLD LACE** Nashua North Drama Club production. Wed., Dec. 9, at 7 p.m.; Thurs., Dec. 10, at 7 p.m.; Fri., Dec. 11, at 7 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. Nashua North High School, 8 Titan Way, Nashua. \$10. Email nashuanorthdrama@gmail.com.

• **LUNGS** Theatre KAPOW production. Fri., Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 13, at 4:30 p.m. Derry Opera House, 29 W. Broadway, Derry. \$20. Visit tkapow.com/lungs.html.

• **THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS** Featuring more than 100 young performers from across New Hampshire, students from Eastern Ballet Institute, Concord Community Music School's Purple Finches Children's Chorus, members of the Cabbageheads, Timbre Drums, aerial dance works by Ciel Rouge Moving Company. Fri., Dec. 11, at 7 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. \$16.50. Call 225-1111, visit ccanh.com.

• **THE NUTCRACKER** Turning Point Center of Dance production. Sat., Dec. 12, at 2 p.m.; Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. \$18. Call 485-8710.

Classical Music

Events

• **THE FIRST SONGSTRESS: THE FRAGMENTED HISTORY OF LUCIA QUINCIANI'S MONODY OF 1611** Part of Keith Polk Music Lecture Series. Thurs., Nov. 19, at 5 p.m. Verrette Recital Hall, Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, Durham. Free. Visit unh.edu/music, call 862-2404.

• **SENIOR RECITAL: NATHAN LAMY** Percussion concert. Fri., Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. SNHU, Walker Auditorium, 2500 N. River Road, Manchester. Free. • **HOMAGE TO PABLO CASALS** Concert. Amit Peled on cello, Stefan Petrov on piano.

Sat., Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Brewster Academy, 80 Academy Drive, Wolfeboro. \$25. Visit wfriendsofmusic.org.

• **THE ECSTASIES ABOVE & MAGNIFICAT** Concert featuring music by Tarik O'Regan and Johann Sebastian Bach. NH Master Chorale. Sat., Nov. 22, at 3 p.m. Plymouth Congregational Church, 4 Post Office Square, Plymouth. \$30. 855-642-4672

• **28TH ANNUAL "MESSIAH SING" REHEARSALS** 100 volunteers from 19 communities sing selections from Handel's "Messiah." First weekend of December. No auditions. Rehearsals Sun., Nov. 15, 6:45-9 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 22, 6:45-9 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 29, 6:45-9 p.m. Mont Vernon Congregational Church, 4 S. Main St., Mont Vernon. Call 420-8523.

• **STRAFFORD WIND SYMPHONY HOLIDAY POPS CONCERT** Sat., Nov. 28, at 7 p.m. Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester. \$12. Call 335-1992. Visit rochesteroperahouse.com.

• **NEW HAMPSHIRE PHILHARMONIC HOLIDAY POPS** Music from Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride" and Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*. Sat., Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 29, at 2 p.m. Stockbridge Theatre, Pinkerton Academy, 5 Pinkerton St., Derry. \$5-\$50. Visit nhphil.org, call 437-5210.

• **TWO RIVERS COMMUNITY CHOIR** Concert about love, purpose, strength, featuring composer Bill Douglas's "I Shall Not Live in Vain." Sun., Nov. 29, at 6:30 p.m. UU Church Parish Hall, 25 N. Main St., Peterborough. Free, donations accepted.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Merry marching

Concord kicks off holiday season with Christmas Parade

By Angie Sykeny
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While most towns don't have their Christmas festivities until after Thanksgiving, Concord Christmas Parade committee chair Dick Patten says, "Why wait?"

"People will say, 'Jeez, [before Thanksgiving] is too early,'" he said. "But you can't tell me it's too early when department stores are ready for Christmas by September, and the radio stations start playing Christmas music on Nov. 1."

The 64th Annual Concord Christmas Parade is set for Nov. 21, keeping with its traditional date on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. It will start at 9:30 a.m., on Hazen Drive, turning east on Loudon Road, then proceeding to the Steeplegate Mall, where it will disband. The parade will end with a series of performances at the review stand in front of The Stove Barn on Loudon Road, just before the mall.

The theme for this year's parade is Concord's 250th anniversary. In addition to a Concord 250 float, all other floats will make mention of the anniversary in some way.

The parade lineup includes a veterans division, marching bands from Concord High School and Merrimack Valley, fire trucks and other community vehicles, antique cars and more. Saint Andrew's Society of NH Color Guard and Drum &



The Concord Dance Academy performs at last year's parade. Courtesy photo.

Pipe will return with a group double the size it had last year, and the Muchachos Drum & Bugle Corps of Manchester will be making its parade debut. There will also be some notable guests like Miss New Hampshire 2015 Holly Blanchard, WMUR's Kevin Skarupa and Hayley LaPoint and NH1's Joe Joyce.

The parade will have two grand marshals. One is Gene Connolly, Concord High School's principal who is resigning this year due to ALS. The community has rallied to support Connolly and even organized a charity walk last month to help with his medical costs.

The second grand marshal is Hailey, a Wish-Child with the Make-A-Wish NH Chapter. Hailey already got her wish — to be a cowgirl and ride a horse — but she'll get to take it one step further by riding through the parade in a buggy pulled by a miniature horse.

Of course, it wouldn't be a Christmas parade without Santa. You'll find him at the end of the line on a

large float, riding his sleigh.

Performances by local dance groups are always a highlight. One of the most anticipated performances is that of longtime paraders the Concord Dance Academy group. They have a big entry planned for this year as well as their traditional "CDA Rockettes" kickline show.

In previous years, the parade would pause mid-route for the performances to take place, similar to the Macy's Day Parade. The problem was that people mistook the pauses for the end of the parade. This year, all performances will be held at the review stand after the parade has completed its route.

Patten said that while having a Christmas parade before Thanksgiving may seem strange, it hasn't been a hindrance. On the contrary, having it at a time when temperatures are still tolerable has yielded a large turnout of both attendees and participants.

"People say we have the best, biggest parade in New England," Patten said. "Now, I don't know that for a

fact ... but we've been told there's 10 to 15 thousand people who come. It's always big. We've ended up with as many as 125 [participant] entries. And it's the longest-going parade in the state that I'm aware of."

The parade committee has resolved to keep the parade from becoming a platform for advertising. Local businesses are welcome to have floats, but they're required to decorate the floats and adhere to the spirit of the parade. Political campaigning is also dissuaded for the same reason.

"We don't like to exclude people, but it's a Christmas parade, not a political rally," co-chair James Cusano said.

For Patten, who has organized the parade since 1971, it's about preserving the magic for future generations.

"When I was a kid, we didn't have much, but my folks always made sure we went to the parade," he said. "For us, it was a big deal to see Santa. I'd like to think it's still very magical. All parades are special, and I want people to be proud of Concord's." 🍷

64th Annual Concord Christmas Parade

When: Saturday, Nov. 21, at 9:30 a.m.

Where: Loudon Road, between Hazen and D'Amante Drives. Performances are held at The Stove Barn, 249 Loudon Road.

Cost: Free

Visit: facebook.com/ConcordGrange

Children & Teens

Children events

• **THANKSGIVING CRAFT DAY** Drop-in Thanksgiving crafts for all ages. Sat., Nov. 21, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford. Call 249-0645.

• **THANKSGIVING CRAFT** Make a festive decoration for your

Thanksgiving celebration. Ages 5 and up. Sat., Nov. 21, 10 to 11 a.m. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. Call 225-8670.

• **THANKSGIVING STORY-TIME** *'Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving* by Dav Pilkey. A fun story, a snack and cute pilgrim hats. Wed., Nov. 25, 3:30 p.m. Hollis Social Library, 2 Monu-

ment Square, Hollis. Registration required. Call 465-7721.

• **MINNIE'S TEA PARTY** The party will include arts and crafts, jewelry making, refreshments, games, nail painting, and a chance to meet and have your picture taken with Minnie. Sun., Nov. 27, 1 to 3 p.m. Gilford Youth Center, 19 Potter Hill Road, Gilford. \$12

per child, free for accompanying parents. Reserve your spot; space is limited. To reserve your spots, visit gilfordyouthcenter.com.

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Beading workshops

• **BEAD PLAYDATE** Stop by for help with a project, inspiration

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Family fun for the weekend

Two kinds of balls

The Dance Connection of Windham is having its first annual **Family Christmas Ball** on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 1 to 6 p.m., at the Castleton Banquet Center (2 Indian Rock Road Route 111, Windham). The ball features a dinner, a DJ, a magician, a balloon artist, raffles and silent auctions. There will also be a special visit from Elsa, Anna, Olaf, Mickey and Santa. Tickets cost \$33 for adults and \$25 for children 10 and under. Visit danceconnectionnh.com for information on how to purchase tickets.

The Culinary Playground (16 Manning St., Derry) will have a preschool cooking class on Friday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 21, at 10 and 11:30 a.m. Kids ages 3 through 6 will be mixing, measuring and having fun while following a recipe to **make stuffing balls**. There will be a craft or story time between cooking. The cost is \$16 per child. Visit culinary-playground.com or call 339-1664.

Fun at the Fishways

Amoskeag Fishways (4 Fletcher St., Manchester) will host a **"Going Batty" Family Fun Night** on Friday, Nov. 20, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Learn about bat characteristics, habitats and challenges they face, all while participating in fun activities. The cost is \$8 per family, and advance registration is required.

Also at the Fishways, on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 12:30 to 2 p.m., kids ages 4 and 5 are invited to a **"Life Along the River" Fishways Funday**. How did the Penacook people make homes and survive along the river? Find out by making a pinch pot, listening to stories and exploring the lives of New Hampshire's native people. The cost is \$8 per family, and advance registration is required. Call 626-3474 or visit amoskeag-fishways.org for more information on both

to start something new, or just a social setting to do your beading. See website for all beading classes and events. every Thurs. from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Bead Bush Studio, 43 Mt. Delight Road, Deerfield. Free. Call 463-7683. Visit beadbush.com.

• **THE ROVING BEADERS GROUP** Beading group meets monthly. New theme each month. Pre-registration required. Meets fourth Sat. every month 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Rd., Hudson. Fee changes depending on project. Call 759-7600. Email info@therovingbeaders.com.

Spinning workshops

• **SOUTHERN NH WOOL SPINNERS** Beginners always welcome. Meets first and third Wed. of the month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford. Free. Call 673-2408 or email eeskipper@comcast.net.
• **SPINNERS AND DYERS GUILD** Group meets monthly in Warner. last Tues. of every month at 10 a.m. Gallery at Main Street Bookends, 16 E. Main St., Warner. Free. Call 456-2700. Visit mainstreetbookends.com.

Health & Wellness Events

• **THE HISTORY OF ESSENTIAL OILS** Learn about the history and uses of essential oils, from the Egyptians to present day. Mon., Nov. 23, 6:30 p.m. Dover Public Library, 73 Locust St., Dover. Free and open to public. Call 516-6050.
• **EXPLORE THE NH HEALTH PROTECTION PROGRAM** Presentations are offered in English, Spanish, Arabic, Bosnian, Nepali, and Portuguese. Contact the health center for the dates and times of the presentation using your



of these programs.

More than crafts

Parents can do some holiday shopping while the kids have fun at these local craft fairs.

The **Craft Fair & Holiday Fun Day** hosted by Lil' Iguana's Children's Safety Foundation is on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Nashua High School North (8 Titans Way). The fair features a kid-friendly area with bounce houses, craft projects, activities and visits with Santa. Admission is free. Visit liliguanausa.org/holidaycraft.

Stop by the **Annual Holiday Craft Fair** at New Searles Elementary School (39 Shady Lane, Nashua) on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., where there will be a variety of kids' activities like craft projects, games and prizes, yummy treats and a visit and photo with Santa. Email camella.newton@outlook.com for more information.

Mousing around

Join Cowabunga's Indoor Inflatable Playground (1328 Hooksett Road, Hooksett) on Friday, Nov. 20, from 5 to 8 p.m., for a **party with Mickey and Minnie**. Bounce around, play fun games, take part in a free craft and get your picture taken with Mr. and Mrs. Mouse. Admission is \$10 for kids and free for adults and babies. Visit mycowabunga.com or call 625-8008.

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IN/OUT THE GARDENING GUY

Getting invasive

Plants that take over landscapes

By Henry Homeyer

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Going for a walk the other day along a public trail I was struck by the number of invasive shrubs I saw. Most trees and shrubs have shed their leaves, but burning bush, Japanese barberry and honeysuckle still have leaves on their branches. Holding leaves and producing food by photosynthesis gives them extra energy to take over the world (or their world, anyway). This is a good time to pull a few of these out because many are very visible right now.

Why bother, you might ask? Because these invasive plants that come from China or Japan have no natural enemies here. Left alone, they can take over the landscape, outcompeting our native wildflowers and understory shrubs, although that may take decades. In some places they have created monocultures by elbowing out other plants. Most birds, mammals and insects have evolved while depending on native species for their food and shelter. Do these shrubs provide food? Yes, but it is often not of the same quality as that of our native species.

Cutting down invasive shrubs will not necessarily kill them. Some invasive trees and shrubs react by sending up multiple new shoots from their roots. Instead of one buckthorn, for example, you suddenly have several in a circle around the tree you cut down. That increases the problem instead of solving it.

I have found that buckthorns can be killed without producing the root suckers if I double girdle the tree. By this I mean I cut a ring around the tree with a pruning saw, and then cut another ring a foot higher or lower than the first cut. I cut through the bark and the green cambium layer, but do not cut into the heartwood. If I do this now, the tree will leaf out next spring and the following spring, but slowly die by the third year. Patience is the key. The technique allows you to slowly starve the roots – they can't get any nutrition from the leaves. Many buckthorns have multiple stems, and you must girdle every one to kill the roots.

For small to medium-sized invasive trees and shrubs, pulling them up is another option. I recently met with Gerry Hawkes, an inventor and forester in Woodstock, Vermont, to try out a tool he developed to pull invasives (and do other tasks such as hauling firewood and moving large stones). It is a sturdy, two-wheeled device that uses leverage to pull up a tree, roots and all. We pulled an inch-and-a-half buckthorn tree and a full-size multi-stemmed honeysuckle with a trunk that was over three inches in diameter at the base.

The tool we used is called a Wheeled Post and Shrub Puller. It is made of sturdy 2-inch square steel "pipe" and stands over 6 feet tall



Courtesy photo.

when in the vertical pulling position.

We looped a light chain around the base of the tree and then attached it to one of four notches on the puller to allow us to begin with the best mechanical advantage, which is 12:1. I pulled down on the handle using my weight and it lifted the buckthorn partially out of the ground. Then, to get an even higher lift, we reset the chain to a different notch on the front of the tool and I got the root system right out of the ground!

I have also used a hand tool called a Weed Wrench that pulls small trees and shrubs. Unfortunately, the company that makes these tools has gone out of business. It was made in four sizes with a gripping mouth-part that clamps down on a trunk, and a handle that uses leverage to pry out shrubs. Two other companies are now marketing similar tools, The Uprooter and the Pullerbear. From what I have read, neither would compete with the tool I tried last week for pulling larger shrubs and small trees.

I think that using mechanical advantage to pull invasives makes much more sense than using chemical herbicides. But I don't have personal experience following up over several years with invasives pulled: Will the scraps of roots left in the ground survive and re-sprout? It's possible that they will. Still, I think that conservation commissions and garden clubs would be well served by investing in pulling devices to share with interested townspeople and use along public pathways.

There are no plant police. No one can tell you that your invasive shrubs must be pulled up. Nurseries may not sell them, propagate them or transport them. But I am working hard at removing mine. And even if you live in a city, it makes sense to remove invasive plants on your property. Their seeds may wash down storm drains, and end up in a wetland or river – and spread their genetic material.

Getting rid of invasive plants takes time. I recently chatted with a woman who removed all the burning bush on her property 12 years ago. She is still pulling seedlings that germinate from seeds deposited over a decade ago. But, on the positive side, pulling "thugs" gives you more room to plant other nice landscape plants.

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Hi Donna,

This painting belonged to my grandparents. Dad (who's 88) says they had it as long as he remembers. My parents also have another oval one. The frames are the originals. I couldn't find any signatures. Helping them downsize their home, I told them I'd see if I could get a value for them. I appreciate any help you can give me.

Paula

Dear Paula,

What you have sent a photo of is actually a reverse painting. This means that it was painted on the back side to reflect on the front, protected by the glass. Reverse paintings were very popular during the late 1800s through the early 1900s.

Yours is a pretty common scene that was done in many different sizes and styles of frames. It's called Castle on the Danube. Oval frames are usually done with a convex type glass (half round or bubble glass as some call it.) Lots of these were done and not signed, so it's not uncommon to not have a signature.

What you want when looking to evaluate these types of paintings is, first, its condition, making sure there is minimal paint flaking away. Then the scene is important; the more scarce subjects and American historical sites would be of more interest as well. Finally, detailing matters. I have seen some with mother of pearl and other fine details added.

The value on one such as yours would be in the \$200 range for a replacement value, but I think the market value would be a lot less and tough to find a collector for these days. This style doesn't easily fit into this generation, so it makes the antiquity value different than the real sellability value.

Donna Welch has spent more than 20 years in the antiques and collectibles field and owns From Out Of The Woods Antique Center in Goffstown (fromoutofthewoodsantiques.com). She is an antiques appraiser and instructor. To find out about your antique or collectible, send a clear photo of the object and information about it to Donna Welch, From Out Of The Woods Antique Center, 465 Mast Road, Goffstown, N.H., 03045. Or email her at footwdw@aol.com. Or drop by the shop (call first, 624-8668). 🍂

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CRAFT FAIR FUN



- Holy Cross Church (187 Hampstead Road, Derry) will have its **3rd Annual Christmas Craft Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be over 20 crafters, a penny sale, children's area, gently used Christmas decorations and fudge. Homemade breakfast and lunch items will be available too. Call 475-2455.

- Stop by the Congregational Church of Hollis (2 Monument Square) for its old-fashioned **Country Christmas Fair** Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be handmade crafts, a book sale, ladies fashion boutique, luncheon, children's craft activities and live music. Visit hollischurch.org.

- The Nashua High School South Music Boosters will be holding their annual **Holiday Craft Fair and Penny Sale Raffle** on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the High School (36 Riverside Drive). Browse handmade items from over 40 New Hampshire crafters and specialty businesses. The penny sale raffle will feature crafters and corporate donations. There will also be a cookie walk, concessions and craft projects for kids. Email southcraftfair@gmail.com.

- The Children's Place and Parent Education Center (27 Burns Ave., Concord) will host its **Craft & Gift Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a variety of crafts and gifts, raffles, food and more. Admission costs \$1. Call 224-9920.

- Head to New Searles Elementary School (39 Shady Lane, Nashua) on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for its annual **Holiday Craft Fair**. The fair features handmade gifts from local vendors as well as a book fair, raffle baskets, food and kids' activities like craft projects and games. Kids can also get their photo with Santa. Email camella.newton@outlook.com.

- On Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., First Parish Congregational Church (47 East Derry Road, Derry) will host its **71st Annual Sugar Plum Fair**. The fair features local handmade crafts and fresh-made pecan rolls, sweet rolls and Nissu breads. There will also be a cookie walk, bake sale, white elephant sale and lunch. Visit fpc-ucc.org.

- Do some crafty shopping at Nottingham Recreation's **14th Annual Holiday Craft Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Nottingham Elementary School (245 Stage Road). There will be over 50 local crafters and a raffle table. Visit nottingham-nh.gov.

- The **36th Annual Bow Craft Fair** will take place on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Bow High School (32 White Rock Hill Road). The fair features over 125 New England juried craftsmen with pottery, glass, woodworking, quilting, jewelry, foods and more. There will also be a raffle and book fair. Admission costs \$2 per adult, and child care is available on site for a donation. Visit bowpto.digitalpto.com.

- Check out the **3rd Annual Handmade Holiday Market** at Studio 550 Art Center (550 Elm St., Manchester) on Saturday, Nov. 21, from noon to 5 p.m. You'll find unique items made by local craftsmen, and some craft vendors will be giving demonstrations of their work. Visit 550arts.com.

- Stop by the East Hampstead Union Church (225 E. Main St., Route 121A, East Hampstead) for its **Annual Christmas Market** on Friday, Nov. 20, and Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a variety of handcrafted items including holiday decorations, wreaths, gifts for pets and more. The market will also have a cookie walk, a luncheon, baked goods and refreshments. Visit ehuc.weebly.com.

- There will be a **Craft & Vendor Fair** on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Alpine Club (175 Putnam St., Manchester). Email kathleensimons1963@icloud.com.

- Don't miss Lil' Iguana's Children's Safety Foundation's **Craft Fair & Holiday Fun Day** on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Nashua High School North (8 Titan Way). The fair features over 90 crafters, vendors and businesses. For kids, there will be bounce houses, craft projects, activities and visits with Santa. Visit liliguanausa.org/holidaycraft.

- Pilgrim Congregational Church's (4 Watson St.) **117th Annual Heritage Fair** will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme this year is "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Browse a variety of handmade decorations and gifts, books, plants, candies, raffle tables, themed baskets, baked goods and more. Visit pilgrimchurchnashua.org.

- On Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., North Salem United Methodist Church (389 N. Main St., Salem) will have its **Craft Fair**, featuring a variety of handmade crafts including knitted and crocheted items, jewelry and more. There will be homemade baked goods, a silent auction and a white elephant table. Visit northsalemumc.org.

Pictured: Handmade recycled wool mittens from the Country Christmas Fair at the Congregational Church of Hollis. Courtesy photo.

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Prius headrest is a pain in the neck



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:
I love my new Prius C, but the headrest pushes my head and shoulders forward. It's really bad, and my posture really gets messed up, as the new headrests are somehow tilted forward and can't be straightened. Is there a solution to fix that? — Jeannette

Have you considered a hacksaw?

It's annoying, isn't it? You can't drive very well if your head is being pushed down and forward, and all you can see are the floor mats.

Here's the problem, Jeannette. The closer the headrest is to your head (preferably touching it), the more effective it is at preventing a serious neck injury if you're rear-ended. That's why automakers err on the side of angling them too far forward rather than too far back.

I've seen some people with this complaint remove the headrest and simply turn it around and reinsert it so that it's protruding backward instead of forward. But there are two potential problems

with that: First, because you've turned the notches in the posts around, you can no longer adjust the headrest for height. And, more importantly, the headrest can be too far back. If it ends up more than 2 inches from the back of your head, it won't prevent neck injuries. So that's the crucial measurement.

Here are several other things you can try: First, try adjusting the seatback to recline a little bit more. By moving it back, you'll also move the headrest back.

If you find that that puts the headrest in the correct position but now the seatback doesn't provide enough support (since it's also crucial for protecting your back and neck in a rear-end collision), you can try putting a firm cushion on the seatback. Look for one that's the length of the seatback, so it provides support from bottom to top.

And again, remember, you want the headrest to be no more than 2 inches from the back of your head -- preferably closer, or touching.

Another thing you can try is visiting your dealer. Ask if there are other Toyota headrests that fit your car. It's possible that a headrest from another Toyota is slightly smaller or thinner, or sits at a

slightly different angle. Again, the key is to find one that allows you to comfortably rest your head against it, or very close to it.

We know people who were unhappy with the headrests on their Prius C's, and swapped them for headrests from the regular Prius. But be warned: Those little things are a lot more expensive than you'd ever imagine.

So see if your dealer will be nice enough to let you remove the headrests from some other cars on the lot and try them in your car. If you find one that you can live with, you can ask the parts department what it charges for one. And when you revive yourself, you can try searching on eBay for a used one.

Or wait for the Toyota's Washington's Birthday Sale, and try to grab a good five-year lease deal on a new headrest. Good luck, Jeannette.

Dear Car Talk:

A nickel bet rides on this. I almost always just put \$20 worth of gas in my 2012 Mazda 5's gas tank. My husband firmly believes that my previous car's fill pipe rusted out because I did not fill up the gas tank all the way every time. He

dogs me endlessly about rusting out the fill tank in this vehicle by not filling up the gas tank. Does it matter, and am I in danger of rusting out the fill pipe to the gas tank by not filling up the tank? — Jan

P.S. I have run out of gas only once (a long time ago) in our 25 years of marriage.

Well, you can start dreaming about where you're going to spend that nickel, Jan. Your husband is a complete dodo.

The gasoline filler pipe, or filler neck, is the pipe that runs from the gas tank to the opening where you stick the fuel nozzle when you fill up. Every filler neck we've ever seen that has rusted has rusted from the outside, not the inside. So for that reason alone, how far you fill up the tank is irrelevant.

And second, even if you were to fill the tank right up to the gas cap, it would stay that full for only two blocks! Then you'd use some gas, and the filler neck would empty out again.

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• **GENEALOGY CLUB** Trade tips and techniques with others interested in family research and learn about genealogical resources. Meets the second Fri. of each month at 1:30 p.m. Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Rd.

History & museum

• **MEREDITH CHRONICLES** Dr. Daniel Heyduk, an anthropologist and historian, presents a visual program on Meredith/Laconia history, based on his book *Meredith Chronicles*. Mon., Nov. 23, 6:30 p.m. Taylor Community, 435 Union Ave., Laconia. The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested. Call 524-5600.

Nature & Gardening Garden events

• **HOLIDAY TEA & FLORAL DEMONSTRATION** Join the Concord Garden Club for a demonstration of creative and unusual ways to create holiday arrangements. Then, there will be tea, treats and gifts available in the solarium, and the arrangements will be up for auction. Thurs., Nov. 19, 1 p.m. 227 Pleasant St., Concord. Visit facebook.com/concordgardenclubnh.

Nature hikes & walks

• **GUIDED HIKE** Join Beaver Brook Association at their nature center for a free leisurely guided hike around the property. Sun., 1 to 2:30 p.m., Dec. 6. Beaver Brook Association, 117 Ridge Road, Hollis. Free. Call 465-7787 or visit beaverbrook.org.

• **NATURE WALKS** Maintained by the Audubon Society of NH's Nashaway Chapter, the public is invited to join for morning adventure walks. Ponemah Bog Wildlife Sanctuary, Rhodora Dr., Route 122, Amherst. Bring binoculars, bug spray, and shoes you don't mind getting wet. Free outing starts at bog entrance off Stearns Road, which runs between Boston Post Road and Route 122, just north of Route 101A in Amherst. Contact 224-9909 or membership@nhaudubon.org for chapter activities. See nhaudubon.org/locations/sanctuaries.

• **STORY WALKS** Children and families invited to take self-guided tours and read featured stories page-by-page posted along Gregg and Dutton Brook trail. Trails open 30 minutes after sunrise and closes 30 minutes before sunset. Story walks conclude at the first snow. See 547-3311, info@crotchedmountain.org. Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center, 1 Verney Dr., Greenfield.

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Gift of Lights returns with new addition



The Gift of Lights. Courtesy photo.

By Angie Sykeny
asykeny@hippopress.com

The New Hampshire Motor Speedway will once again be set aglow for its annual Gift of Lights holiday drive-thru, opening Friday, Nov. 20, but visitors will find a new addition to the experience this year.

The Tunnel of Lights portion of the course will now lead into the infield of the speedway, down VIP Street, next to where NASCAR drivers keep their motor homes during race week.

"This year the Tunnel of Lights will be a true tunnel," said Kristen Lestock, director of communications at the speedway. "We try to add something new each year, and fans have always asked about going into the infield."

Gift of Lights will be open almost every day, from 4:30 to 9 p.m., Nov. 20 through Jan. 2. With the 130-foot tunnel addition, the drive-thru is now 3 miles long and contains 60 holiday scenes, 400 light displays and two million LED lights. It begins at the South Gate, winds around the outside of the grandstands and covers a section of the road course.

But Gift of Lights features more than just the tour. Visitors are also invited to stop by Santa's Workshop in the Main Office, where there will be a number of family activities. Santa will be available for pictures from opening night through Dec. 23, then Frosty will take over until closing day (cost is \$5 per photo). The gift shop will have Gift of Light souvenirs as well as NASCAR merchandise.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, a fire pit will be open for s'mores-making (supplies are provided free of charge).

Participate in one of the theme nights and get a \$2 discount off the \$15 per car entry fee (\$20 on weekends). Come in your PJs for Pajama Night, held every Sunday. Grab your

cowboy boots and hat for Country Night on Saturday, Nov. 28, get tacky for Ugly Sweater Night on Friday, Dec. 18, or wear your best holiday costume on Thursday, Dec. 24. Other themes include Mascot Night on Saturday, Dec. 5, College Night on Tuesday, Dec. 15, and Military Night on Friday, Jan. 1.

There are also some special events planned.

On Sunday, Dec. 13, trade in the drive-thru for a run-thru at the third annual Yule Light Up The Night event. At least 1,000 people are expected to participate in the 2.25-mile run/walk through the Gift of Lights, where runners are encouraged to dress in their most festive holiday attire.

For the first time, Gift of Lights will host Meet the Drivers, where visitors can get autographs and photos with Joey Polewarczyk of the American-Canadian Tour on Saturday, Dec. 5, and Ryan Preece of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour and NASCAR Sprint Cup Series on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Proceeds from Gift of Lights will be distributed to nearly 50 different children's charities across New England.

"It's one of the few events like this in the area, and it's something the entire family can do together, to celebrate the holidays and benefit some local communities," Lestock said.

Gift of Lights

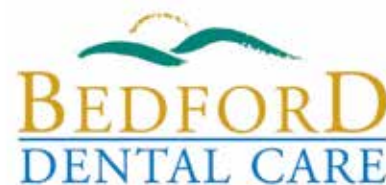
Where: New Hampshire Motor Speedway, 1122 Route 106, Loudon

When: Daily, 4:30 to 9 p.m., Nov. 20 through Jan. 2, with some exceptions. See website for full schedule.

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Team/competition sports

• **FOOSBALL TOURNAMENT** Tues. & Fri., 7:30 p.m. Boston Billiard Club, 55 Northeastern Blvd. Nashua. Call 321-5996.

• **CONCORD FENCING CLUB** Offers individual and group lessons for for beginner to experienced fencers, children to adult. Sabre and Epee clinics also offered. See concordfencingclub@hotmail.com, 224-3560, concordfencingclub.org. 126D Hall St., Concord.

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Animals

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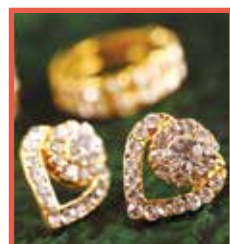
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THIS WEEK IN JOBS / CAREERS

If you're looking for work or interested in making a change, this week's Hippo has a wide range of opportunities for you to explore:

• **SM | SMX** at Amazon (Page 42) is recruiting for warehouse jobs in Nashua.

• With the holiday crunch looming, **UPS** (Page 42) continues to recruit part-time package handlers.

• **Kelly Services** (Page 43) is hiring temporary help for the local FedEx operation.

• **The N.H. Air National Guard** (Page 43) provides training and long-term career opportunities in a variety of fields.

• **Holloway Motor Cars** of Manchester (Page 44) is recruiting auto technicians as well as a Mercedes-Benz service advisor.

• **Fidelity Investments** (Page 44) is seeking customer service professionals for its Merrimack facility.

• **Summit Packaging** (Page 44) is hiring full-time manufacturing help (with benefits) at its Manchester plant.

• **FedEx** (Page 44) is hiring part-time help for its new facility in Londonderry.

• **Dartmouth-Hitchcock** (Page 45) is looking for nurses and medical assistants in Milford, Nashua, and Hudson.

ON THE JOB

KATE WHITE MANAGER AT YOGABALANCE

Kate White was a student at YogaBalance yoga studio when she first inquired about a job opportunity there. Starting out as a substitute instructor, she progressed to becoming the studio manager and full-time instructor. White said YogaBalance is Manchester's largest and longest-standing yoga studio, offering 26 classes a week as well as workshops and teaching training.

Q: *Explain in one sentence what your current job is.*

I am the manager of YogaBalance, and I run all aspects of the studio and teach yoga classes as well.

How long have you worked there?

Six and a half years.

How did you get interested in this field?

I'd heard of [yoga's] great benefits for

physical health and mental well-being, so I started practicing with a local [yoga] teacher, and then I wanted to share that with everyone else.

What kind of education or training did you need for this job?

My job has two parts. There's the business management side, [for] which I have my degree and business experience with event planning and logistics and account management. Then on the teaching side,

to teach at most studios you need 200 hours of training and also continuing education credits, and I have over 1,000 hours of training.

How did you find your current job?

After I did my teacher training, I started taking a class at YogaBalance. I was a bit brave and took initiative and introduced myself to the owner and asked if they had any positions open. They took me on as a substitute teacher. Then I asked if they had anything else I could help with because I was leaving my current job, and they said, 'Want to make some phone calls for us?' and six years later, I'm running the business.

What's the best piece of work-related advice anyone's ever given you?

Breathe, and do one thing at a time.

What do you wish you'd known at the beginning of your career?

There's a lot that goes on behind the



Kate White. Courtesy photo.

scenes at a place like this, so probably that running a yoga studio isn't as easy as it might seem.

What is your typical at-work uniform?

I think I have the best at-work uniform in the world, because I get to wear yoga clothes — stretchy yoga pants, no socks or shoes and a modest tank or T-shirt or sweater.

What was the first job you ever had?

When I was 13, I used to wash people's hair and sweep up the hair on the floor at a salon, so I was like a salon assistant.

— Angie Sykeny 🍌

Five favorites

Favorite book: Anything by Marian Keyes.

Favorite movie: *Love Actually*.

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FOOD

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Dine out this Thanksgiving

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If you're looking to eat out on Thanksgiving, call soon and reserve your spot at restaurants offering prix-fixe dinners, buffets and menu specials.

• **New to town:** Whiskey's 20 Restaurant & Lounge (20 Old Granite St., Manchester, find them on Facebook) will host a ceremonial ribbon-cutting on Friday, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m. Owner Thomas Svoleantopoulos said in a press release that the Manchester community is invited to enjoy food prepared by Executive Chef Steve Asselin. Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas and Congressman Frank Guinta are slated to attend.

• **Food Talks return:** 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth, 3sarts.org) will host a new season of Eat it Up!: Food Talks in collaboration with Seacoast Rep and Chefs Collaborative. Eat it Up! was started as a way for chefs and food producers to engage with the public. Each show will have a different format based on the featured speaker. "The move from the Rep to 3S was totally the right choice for this series," Seacoast Rep Executive Director and show producer Kathleen Cavalaro said in a press release. "Having a kitchen attached to the performance space makes 3S sort of uniquely suited to what we're trying to do with Eat it Up. It's a show about food, and now we can cook food on site." The season kicks off on Monday, Nov. 23, with Chef Evan Mallet of Portsmouth's Black Trumpet. The event begins at 6 p.m. with a five-course dinner created by Chef Mallet in collaboration with the Block Six kitchen at 3S Artspace. Nathan Groth will DJ the dinner hour. Tickets cost \$75 per person and are limited. General admission for the show only (begins at 7:30 p.m.) costs \$12. Shows will be held monthly through April.

• **Direct trade coffee:** A&E Coffee Roastery & Tea announced that Norma's Coffee will return to its Amherst and Manchester cafes (135 Route 101A, Amherst; 1000 Elm St, Manchester). A&E owner Emeran Langmaid visited coffee producer Norma Lara on an origin trip to Honduras and since then has purchased her beans annually. This year, Langmaid bought eight of Lara's 20 bags, 40 percent of her total crop, according to the press release. See aerostery.com.

• **Seasonal inspiration:** Copper Door Restaurant (15 Leavy Drive, Bedford, 488-2677, copperdoorrestaurant.com) debuted its new menu with dishes inspired by the

• **Alan's of Boscawen** (133 N. Main St., Boscawen, 753-6631, alansofboscawen.com) will offer a buffet from noon to 6 p.m. featuring a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings or a Grand Thanksgiving Buffet with peel-and-eat shrimp, pumpkin soup, garden and pasta salads, mashed potatoes and gravy, yams, turkey, ham, prime rib, tortellini alfredo, baked stuffed haddock and more. Call for prices. Reservations recommended.

• **Alpine Grove** (19 S. Depot Road, Hollis, 882-9051, alpinegrove.com) will have a Thanksgiving buffet with seatings at noon, 1 and 2 p.m. Dinner includes New England fish chowder, turkey with cornbread stuffing, gravy and cranberry sauce, oven-roasted Virginia ham, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, sweet potatoes, green beans and mac and cheese. Dessert is pumpkin, pecan and apple pies, plus assorted pastries. Cost is \$22 for adults, \$10 kids 12 and under, free for kids under 4. Reservations required.

• **Airport Diner** (2280 Brown Ave., Manchester, 623-5040, thecman.com) will serve from the breakfast menu from 5 a.m. to noon.

• **Bedford Village Inn** (2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford, 472-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com) will be serving a four-course prix-fixe menu with seating times from noon to 6 p.m. Dinner costs \$65 for adults, \$29.95 for children ages 10 and under. The menu features options like pumpkin cavatelli, pan-seared brandade cake, Misty Knoll Farms turkey, autumn spiced roman gnocchi, apple crisp cheesecake and ginger creme brulee. Reservations are required.

• **Belmont Hall & Restaurant** (718 Grove St., Manchester, 625-8540, belmonthall.net) will be serving an all-you-can-eat Thanksgiving buffet with turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, bread stuffing, meat stuffing, squash, soups, salads and desserts with seatings at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. for \$14.99 per person. There will also be a plated turkey dinner in the dining room for \$13.99 per person during regular hours (6 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Reservations for the buffet are required for parties of five or more.



• **Chez Vachon** (136 Kelley St., Manchester, 625-9660, chezvachon.com) will be serving Thanksgiving dinner with one seating at 12:30 p.m. by reservation only. The Thanksgiving Feast includes turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, carrots, butternut squash, dessert and a drink. Cost is \$11.99 for adults, half price for kids under 10.

• **Colby Hill Inn and Bartlett's Restaurant** (33 The Oaks, Henniker, 428-3281, colbyhillinn.com) will serve a prix-fixe, three-course Thanksgiving dinner with seatings from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$49 for adults, \$19.95 for kids. Reservations required.

• **Common Man** (25 Water St., Concord, 228-3463; 88 Range Road, Windham, 898-0088; 21 Water St., Claremont, 542-6171; thecman.com) will host a holiday buffet from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Menu includes hearty entrees, breads, soups, salad and desserts. Cost is \$26.95 for adults, \$12.95 for children 12 and under. Call for reservations.

• **Country Tavern** (452 Amherst St., Nashua, 889-5871, countrytavern.org) will serve its Thanksgiving menu from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Menu includes appetizers, soups and salads, desserts and entrees like butternut squash ravioli, tavern meat loaf, a seafood sampler and filet mignon (each \$25.95) and a traditional turkey dinner with sides and dessert (\$22.95). Reservations highly suggested.

• **The Derryfield** (625 Mammoth Road, Manchester, 623-2880, thederryfield.com) offers a family-style turkey dinner with seatings on the hour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meal includes a full turkey, potatoes, stuffing, gravy, butternut

squash, mixed seasonal vegetables, salad and dinner rolls (\$25.95 with a four person minimum). Turkey dinner plates cost \$22.95 for adults, \$20.95 for seniors 65+ and \$17.95 for children under 12 (\$2 extra for all white meat). Reservations strongly recommended.

• **Fratello's** (155 Dow St., Manchester, 641-6776, fratellos.com) has a Thanksgiving Day buffet with seatings at noon and 3 p.m. Cost is \$29.95 for adults, \$14.95 for children ages 4 to 12, free for children under 3. Buffet includes a carving station, coffee station and dessert table with pies, cakes and tortes; a cornucopia table with fruit, nuts, cranberry sauce and chilled apple cider; and the grand buffet with turkey and stuffing, salmon, garden vegetable lasagna and more. Reservations required.

• **Foster's Boiler Room** (231 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2764, thecman.com) will host a holiday buffet from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Menu includes hearty entrees, breads, soups, salad and desserts. Cost is \$24.95 for adults, \$12.95 for children 12 and under. Call for reservations.

• **Granite Restaurant & Bar** (96 Pleasant St., Concord, graniterestaurant.com) will have a Thanksgiving buffet with seatings at noon and 2 p.m. Menu includes an artisanal cheese display, salads, butternut squash bisque, carving station with roasted turkey breast and roasted pork loin, wild mushroom and herb stuffing, root vegetables with local apples, herbs and dried cranberries, roasted garlic and sour cream mashed potatoes, pasta with spinach, roasted peppers and pumpkin sage sauce and assorted seasonal desserts. Cost is \$29.95 for adults, \$26.95 for seniors (55 and older), \$16.95 for children under 12,

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- **Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant** (233 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith, 279-6212, hartsturkeyfarm.com) will serve from its regular menu from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- **The Homestead Restaurant** (641 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack, 429-2022, homesteadnh.com) will offer seatings for Thanksgiving dinner at noon, 2:30 and 5 p.m. Prix-fixe dinner costs \$27 with entrees like roast turkey, baked Virginia ham, pumpkin cranberry stuffed duck, seafood fettuccine and vegetarian ravioli. All entrees include turkey soup, apple cider, mixed nuts, fruit basket, mashed potato, cranberry sauce, butternut squash, green peas, hot rolls, sweet bread and pie. Children's dinner costs \$15 with selection of ham, turkey, prime rib, bowtie alfredo and chicken fingers and fries. Call for reservations.

- **JD's Tavern** (700 Elm St., Manchester, 625-1000, radisson.com) will be open during its regular hours on Thanksgiving from 11 a.m. to midnight. The regular menu and specials will be available.

- **Lakehouse Grille** (281 D.W. Hwy, Meredith, 279-5221, thecman.com) will host a grand Thanksgiving buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Menu includes appetizers, hearty entrees and desserts. Cost is \$38.94 for adults, \$18.95 for children under age 12. Call for reservations.

- **Northside Grille** (323 Derry Road, Hudson, 886-3663, hudsonnorthside-grille.com) will serve Thanksgiving breakfast, 7 to 11 a.m.

- **The Red Arrow Diner** (61 Lowell St., Manchester, 626-1118, redarrowdiner.com) will be open all day, serving Thanksgiving specials featuring fresh whole turkeys cooked onsite and home-made pork pies.

- **The Red Blazer** (72 Manchester St., Concord, 224-4101, theredblazer.com) will offer a buffet from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Menu includes roasted turkey and gravy, baked stuffed pork loin with maple sau-

sage stuffing, baked stuffed shrimp with seafood stuffing, vegetable and cheese ravioli, salad bar, rolls, baked butternut squash, baked yams, green bean casserole, mashed potatoes and a dessert buffet. Cost is \$26.99 for adults, \$15.99 for children age 4 to 10, free for children under 3. Reservations highly recommended.

- **Speaker's Corner Restaurant at Crowne Plaza Hotel** (2 Somerset Parkway, Nashua, 886-1200, speakerscornerbistro.com) will be serving from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Menu features turkey with pan gravy, herb-crusted top round, pecan freckled haddock florentine, harvest squash ravioli and more. Cost is \$27.95 for adults, \$22.95 for seniors, \$12.95 for children age 5 to 10, free for ages 4 and under. Call for reservations.

- **Restaurant Tek-Nique** (170 Route 101, Bedford, 488-5629, restauranttek-nique.com) will offer a three-course Thanksgiving menu from noon to 5 p.m. Meal includes choice of appetizer, entree, dessert and family-style Thanksgiving dinner accompaniments. Cost is \$52 per person. Call for reservations.

- **Tilt'n Diner** (61 Laconia Road, Tilton, 286-2204, thecman.com) will serve from the breakfast menu from 6 a.m. to noon.

- **Tuscan Kitchen** (67 Main St., Salem, 952-4875, tuscanbrands.com) will offer a special limited menu from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. which includes orecchiette, rosemary and garlic roasted sirloin, pumpkin creme caramel and spumoni. Call or visit website to reserve a table.

- **Wild Rover Pub** (21 Kosciuszko Street, Manchester, 669-7722) will be open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

- **The 104 Diner** (752 NH Route 104, New Hampton, 744-0120, thecman.com) will serve from the breakfast menu from 7 a.m. to noon.

Know of a restaurant offering Thanksgiving meals or special seatings for Hanukkah, Christmas or New Year's? Let us know at food@hippopress.com. 🍷

Plan ahead

Time to place your Thanksgiving to-go orders

By Allie Ginwala
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Whether it's a side dish and a pie or an entire turkey dinner, place your orders now for your Thanksgiving meal.

- **A Market** (125 Loring St., Manchester, 668-2650, myamarket.com) has turkeys on a first-come, first-served basis. Organic (\$3.99 per pound), natural (\$2.99 per pound) and Misty Knoll turkeys (\$3.99

per pound) will be available. Orders for house-made pies must be placed by Monday, Nov. 23.

- **Alan's of Boscawen** (133 N. Main St., Boscawen, 753-6631, alansofboscawen.com) has complete meals to take home. Call to order in advance and set time for pickup.

- **Alpine Grove** (19 S. Depot Road, Hollis, 882-9051, alpinegrove.com) offers feasts to go with turkey (22-pound turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed

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• **Bread and Chocolate** (29 S. Main St., Concord, 228-3330) has apple pie, pumpkin pie, fruit tarts, cakes and rolls available to order. Orders should be placed a week before Thanksgiving and picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 25, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

• **Carter Hill Orchard** (73 Carter Hill Road, Concord, 225-2625, carterhillapples.com) will offer apple, apple crumble, blueberry, fruit of the orchard, pecan and pumpkin pies, along with pumpkin bread and zucchini breads. Place orders as soon as possible. Pickup times available from Sunday, Nov. 22, to Wednesday, Nov. 25.

• **Chez Vachon** (136 Kelley St., Manchester, 625-9660, chezvachon.com) will offer a Thanksgiving feast for takeout. It includes turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, carrots, butternut squash, dessert and a drink. Cost is \$11.99 for adults, half price for kids under 10. Orders will be taken until Thanksgiving Day.

• **The Common Man** (25 Water St., Concord, 228-3463; 304 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack, 429-3463; 88 Range Road, Windham, 898-0088; 10 Pollard Road, Lincoln, 745-3463; 21 Water St., Claremont, 542-6171; Foster's Boiler Room, 231 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2764; Lakehouse, 281 D.W. Hwy., Meredith, 279-5221; thecman.com) offers Thanksgiving dinner to go from seven of its locations. Servings include turkey breast with pan gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, maple-roasted butternut squash, whole-berry cranberry sauce, green beans with almonds, garlic Parmesan dinner rolls, sweet bread and a slice of pumpkin pie with cinnamon cream. Cost is \$17.99 per person and orders must be placed by Friday, Nov. 20 (call the location where you plan to pick up to make arrangements). See thecman.com.

• **Concord Food Co-op** (24 S. Main St., Concord, 225-6840, concordfoodcoop.coop) has all-natural turkeys for \$3.64 per pound or an entire meal for 8 to 10 people starting at \$179.99 (additional servings \$19 per person), which includes a 10-pound oven-roasted turkey, apple and cranberry herb stuffing, sage turkey pan gravy, roasted garlic red bliss mashed potatoes and spiced cranberry sauce. Sides (\$4.99 per person, 8-person minimum) include cinnamon and nutmeg butternut squash puree, garlic rosemary green beans and maple ginger glazed baby carrots. Bakery Box options include desserts, rolls and a selection of pies. Orders must be placed by noon on Friday, Nov. 20. Prepared meals are available for pickup between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25.

• **Baked Downtown Cafe and Bakery** (1015 Elm St., Manchester, 606-1969; 249 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, 856-8871, bakeddowntown.com) has Thanksgiving sweets like black and white cheesecake (10 inches, \$32.99), fruit tarts (8 inches, \$15.99), free-form apple crostada, super-sized pumpkin whoopie pies to share (8 inches, \$9.99), salted caramel apple pie, pumpkin pie and pecan pie (9 inches, \$14.75). Select items available gluten-free. Place orders by Monday, Nov. 23. Pickup times available Tuesday, Nov. 24, and Wednesday, Nov. 25.

• **The Bakeshop on Kelley Street** (171 Kelley St., Manchester, 624-3500, thebakeshoponkelleystreet.com) is offering an assortment of pies, pumpkin rolls, specialty cakes, dinner rolls, pumpkin bread and cranberry bread. Orders must be placed by Friday, Nov. 20. Pickup times are offered on Wednesday, Nov. 25, between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

• **Belmont Hall & Restaurant** (718 Grove St., Manchester, 625-8540, belmonthall.net) will take orders for pies until Wednesday, Nov. 25.

• **The Black Forest Cafe** (212 Route 101, Amherst, 672-0500, theblackforestcafe.com) Thanksgiving menu has sweet and savory options like roast turkey and gravy (serves six, \$85) and sides like focaccia and sausage stuffing, semolina bread stuffing, sweet and white smashed potatoes, maple Dijon glazed carrots and parsnips, roasted Brussels



• **Country Tavern** (452 Amherst St., Nashua, 889-5871, countrytavern.org) has Thanksgiving pick-it-up menu packages like sliced turkey over traditional stuffing with a side of gravy (\$58.50) and sliced turkey over traditional stuffing with a side of gravy, mashed potato, butternut squash and cranberry pineapple relish (\$88.50). A la carte options include sliced roasted turkey breast, mashed potatoes, traditional stuffing, turkey gravy, cranberry pineapple relish and pureed butternut squash. Order deadline is Sunday, Nov. 22. Packages are available for cold pickup Wednesday, Nov. 25, or for hot pickup on Thanksgiving between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Hot turkey dinner for one (\$22.95) can be picked up between 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• **The Crust & Crumb Baking Company** (126 N. Main St., Concord, 219-0763, thecrstandcrumb.com) is taking orders until Friday, Nov. 20. Selection includes pumpkin pie, midnight pumpkin pie, maple bourbon pecan pie, cherry crumb pie, Shaker lemon pie and more (cost ranges from \$14 to \$20). They also offer savory pork pie, spinach, marinated tomato and cheddar quiche, Shaker squash rolls and butter rolls, honey oat bread and onion and herb bread, pumpkin whoopie pies and other cakes and tortes. Pickup times are available Tuesday, Nov. 24, and Wednesday, Nov. 25, in two-hour time slots between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

• **The Flying Butcher** (124 Route 101A, Amherst, 598-6328, theflyingbutcher.com) has fresh turkeys in three sizes as well as bone-in breast, boneless breast and sides like cranberry sauce, gravy, Brussels sprouts, mashed potatoes, maple bourbon sweet potatoes and roasted root vegetables. They're taking orders up until Thanksgiving, but placing them sooner is recommended. Pickup is available Nov. 23, Nov. 24 and Nov. 25.

• **Finesse Pastries** (968 Elm St., Manchester, 232-6592, finessepastries.com) is taking orders until Thursday, Nov. 19, for pies (apple, blueberry, pecan, pumpkin, lemon meringue, chocolate creme, \$14.95 each), cheesecake and pumpkin cheese-

cake (cost \$26.95/\$32.95 each), tarts (tart beausejour, tart bourdaloue (cost \$19.95 each), croquembouche (\$4 per person) as well as a breakfast platter, pastry platter and cookie platter with options serving 10 or 20 to 25 people.

• **German John's Bakery** (5 W. Main St., Hillsborough, 464-5079, germanjohnsbakery.net) is taking orders for its bread pumpkins (crusty white bread that looks like a pumpkin). Price ranges from \$2.50 for an individual bread pumpkin to \$16 for a 4-pound bread pumpkin. Pumpkins are available Saturday, Nov. 21, and Wednesday, Nov. 25. Place orders with four days' notice.

• **Great Harvest Bread** (4 Sunapee St., Nashua, 881-4422, greatharvestnashua.com) offers honey whole-wheat bread turkeys, cinnamon pumpkin dinner rolls, white Virginia dinner rolls, stuffing bread loaf, pumpkin chocolate chip loaf and Jewish apple cake. Place orders by Saturday, Nov. 21. Visit the website or stop by to fill out an order form and select a pickup time.

• **Hart's Turkey Farm** (233 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith, 279-6212, hartsturkeyfarm.com) will take orders for Thanksgiving meals with available pickup times Wednesday, Nov. 25, and Thanksgiving Day. Options include a whole roasted turkey (10 to 15 pounds), stuffing, gravy, whipped potatoes, squash, green beans, pickled beets, carrot relish, rolls, cornbread, sweet breads, pies, cakes, cheesecakes and apple crisp.

• **Just Like Mom's Pastries** (353 Riverdale Road, Weare, 529-6667, justlikemomspastries.com) offers a selection of pies (apple, apple raspberry, apple pumpkin, pumpkin, pumpkin pecan, butter pecan, chocolate cream, banana cream, raspberry coconut cream and pork pie ranging from \$9.50 to \$15.99), apple caramel pumpkin upside-down cake, chocolate Oreo cheesecake, pumpkin cheesecake (each \$19 for a 6-inch, \$28 for a 9-inch), sugar-free pies (apple, apple raspberry, peach), gluten-free pies (apple crumb, blueberry, pumpkin), assorted coffee cakes (\$13.99) and white, wheat or pumpkin rolls. Place orders by Saturday, Nov. 50 ▶



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• **Kay's Bakery** (443 Lake Ave., Manchester, 625-1132) will be taking orders until Saturday, Nov. 21.

• **Michelle's Gourmet Pastries & Deli** (819 Union St., Manchester, 647-7150, michellespastries.com) is taking orders until Saturday, Nov. 21, for pies and other regular menu items. Pickup is Tuesday, Nov. 24, between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 25, between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

• **Mr. Mac's** (497 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 606-1760, mr-macs.com) will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, but is taking orders for hot and ready and take and bake trays. Larger cooked orders require two hours notice. All month they're featuring a Thanksgiving mac special.

• **Newell Post Restaurant** (125 Fisherville Road, Concord, 228-0522, newellpostrestaurant.com) will offer Thanksgiving holiday meals to go, which include turkey, herb stuffing and gravy, creamy mashed potatoes, butternut squash, green beans, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls and pumpkin pie or pumpkin swirl cake. Dinners are packed family style, ready to heat and serve. Cost is \$19.99 (serves one). Place orders by Friday, Nov. 20. Pickup is Wednesday, Nov. 25.

• **Olde Tyme Butcher** (1100 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 669-3001, facebook.com/oldetymebutcher) has turkeys, gravy, a variety of stuffing and sides, as well as apple, pecan, pumpkin, blueberry and fruits of the forest pie. Place orders by Wednesday, Nov. 23. Pickup is that day until 6 p.m.

• **Queen City Cupcakes** (790 Elm St., Manchester, 624-4999, qccupcakes.com) will take orders until Tuesday, Nov. 24, with pickup on Wednesday, Nov. 25, between 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The menu includes vanilla bean, chocolate, peanut butter cup, chocolate salted caramel, M&M, Hostess, purely almond, pumpkin maple, apple pie, vanilla snowball, hot cocoa and Biscoff cookie butter.

• **The Red Arrow Diner** (61 Lowell St., Manchester, 626-1118; 137 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, 552-3091; 63 Union Square, Milford, 249-9222; redarrowdiner.com) has all of its pies available for holiday orders. Place two days in advance.

• **Tuscan Market** (63 Main St., Salem, 912-5467, tuscanbrands.com) offers a catering menu with a whole turkey dinner (serves 6 to 8, \$125) that includes a 10- to 12-pound carved roasted turkey, insalata mista, maple whipped sweet potato, Brussels sprouts, pancetta and apple, mascarpone whipped potatoes, porcini mushroom ciabatta stuffing, heirloom cranberry and Marsala wine compote, herb gravy and focaccia and ciabatta bread. A la carte sides, soups and main courses are also available, as well as a selection of breads, pies, cakes, Italian

cookies and pastries. Orders must be placed by Monday, Nov. 23, at 5 p.m. Pickup is Wednesday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **Washington Street Catering** (88 Washington St., Concord, 228-2000, washingtonstreetcatering.com) offers packaged or a la carte options from its holiday menu including a roasted turkey dinner (turkey with gravy, traditional stuffing, mashed potatoes, roasted butternut squash and a holiday pie) and a maple-glazed ham dinner (spiral-cut maple-glazed ham, mashed sweet potatoes, sauteed green beans with slivered almonds and a holiday pie). Dinners cost \$19.99 per person. Side options include mashed potatoes, mashed sweet potatoes, rosemary-infused roasted Yukon potatoes, traditional stuffing, apple and cranberry stuffing, Brussels sprouts with bacon and balsamic glaze, sauteed green beans with slivered almonds, carrots, roasted butternut squash, turkey gravy and cranberry sauce as well as holiday pies (blueberry, apple and pecan). Place orders a week before Thanksgiving. Available for pickup Wednesday, Nov. 25, by 2 p.m. Delivery also available.

• **Waterworks Cafe** (250 Commercial St., Manchester, 782-5088, waterworkscfe.com) offers a Thanksgiving Eats and Sweets menu with sides like butternut squash and apple soup, pumpkin bisque, cranberry sauce, roasted butternut squash with caramelized sage and brown sugar, honey glazed carrots, cornbread and Andouille stuffing, traditional stuffing and traditional turkey gravy. Ten-inch pies (deep-dish apple, chocolate cream, coconut cream, southern pecan, pumpkin and cran-apple crumb) range from \$13 to \$14, along with pumpkin bread and seasonal soft cookies. Place orders by Monday, Nov. 23 (call the cafe or email info@waterworkscfe.com). Pickup available Tuesday, Nov. 24, and Wednesday, Nov. 25.

• **Wicked Good Butchah** (460 Route 101, Bedford, 488-1832, wickedgoodbutchah.com) is taking orders for fresh turkeys and homemade sides to order until Wednesday, Nov. 25.

• **The Wine'ing Butcher** (254 Wallace Road, Bedford, 488-5519; 16 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, 856-8855; 28 Weirs Road, Gilford, 293-4670; 81 Route 25, Meredith, 279-0300, thewineingbutcher.com) has natural turkeys (\$2.99 per pound), turkey breast (\$4.99 per pound) and vegetarian turkey raised in Vermont (\$4.99 per pound), all of which they'll brine for an extra \$1 per pound. They also have goose, duck, quail and rabbit (prices vary). Assorted sides include stuffing, whipped potato, butternut squash with maple and brown sugar and roasted harvest vegetables along with pies, bread and rolls. Placing orders a week before Thanksgiving is suggested. Turkeys available on a first-come, first-served basis. Pick up by Wednesday, Nov. 25, for all locations.

fall and winter seasons. It features new lunch dishes like Asian quinoa salad, roasted beet tartare and petit curry shrimp; dinner dishes fig-stuffed quail, pepper-crusted lamb sirloin and short rib manicotti, and desserts carrot cake cheesecake and white chocolate creme brulee.

• **Farm museum fun:** The New Hampshire Farm Museum (Route 125, White Mountain Highway, Milton, 652-7840, farmmuseum.org) kicks off the season of thanks with an Old Fashioned Thanksgiving on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Check out a special living history farmhouse tour with costumed role players, horse-drawn wagon rides through the fields, homemade pumpkin pie and hot cider in the farmhouse kitchen and popping popcorn over the campfire. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children.

• **Community suppers:** St. James United Methodist Church (646 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, stjames-umchurch.org) will host a **pot roast church supper** on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Enjoy the meal along with a beverage and homemade dessert. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$6 for children under age 12. Call 424-7459 to make a reservation. Also on Saturday, Nov. 21, Arlington Street United Methodist Church (63 Arlington St., Nashua, asumc.net) will host a **roast pork public supper** from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Join in for a family-style supper with potatoes, carrots, green beans, applesauce, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$6 for children ages 6 to 11, free for children under 5. Take-out meals are also available. Enter using the Haines Street entrance. 🍷

Food Fairs/festivals/expos

• COFFEE ROAST DEMO

The cafe's long time roaster Mark Small will use a sample roaster and discuss the roasting process and his approach. Held in the courtyard at Brady Sullivan Plaza. Thurs., Nov. 19, from noon to 1 p.m. A&E Coffee and Tea, 1000 Elm St., Manchester. Free and open to the public. Visit aerostory.com.

• BEST OF TASTE BASH

Celebrate the winners from Best of Taste of the Seacoast, conducted by *Taste of the Seacoast*. Winner will bring their best dishes and cocktails. Sat., Nov. 21, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Portsmouth Harbor Events, 100 Deer St., Portsmouth. Tickets cost \$65 for general admission, \$95 for VIP. See tasteoftheseacoast.com.

• OLD FASHIONED

THANKSGIVING Enjoy living history farmhouse tours with costumed role-players, hot cider, pumpkin pie, horse-drawn wagon rides and popcorn over the campfire. Sat., Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. New Hampshire Farm Museum, Rt. 125 White Mountain Hwy., Milton. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Visit farmmuseum.org.

• HOMEWARD BOUND

FOOD AND BEVERAGE FESTIVAL Taste from local restaurants, wineries and breweries and bid on live and silent auction items. Enjoy music and hear from Anne-Marie House graduate families. Thurs., Dec. 3, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Radisson Hotel Ballroom, 11 Tara Blvd., Nashua. Cost is \$50, \$90 for a couple. See annemariehouse.org.

Chef events/special meals

• CEREMONIAL RIBBON CUTTING

Hosted by Manchester mayor Ted Gatsas. Enjoy food by executive chef Steve Asselin. Fri., Nov. 20, at 5 p.m. Whiskey's 20 Restaurant & Lounge, 20 Old Granite St., Manchester. Find them on Facebook.

• CLASSICAL FRENCH

CHRISTMAS DINNER At The Quill Restaurant. Five course meal features French cuisine with a Christmas twist. Thurs., Dec. 3, at 5 p.m., service begins at 6 p.m. The Quill, SNHU campus, 2500 N. River Road, Manchester. Cost is \$35. See snhu.edu.

• HOLIDAY DINNERS AT

THE WILLIAM PITT TAVERN Four course colonial holiday dinner, live music and libations from the Portsmouth Brewery. Held in conjunction with Candlelight Stroll weekends at Strawberry Banke Museum. Sat., Dec. 5, Sun., Dec. 6, Sat., Dec. 12, Sun., Dec. 13, Sat., Dec. 19, Sun., Dec. 20. Seatings at 4, 6 and 8 p.m. across from Pickwick's at the Banke, 43 Atkinson St., Portsmouth. Cost is \$65 per person, \$25 per child. For reservations, visit Pickwick's Mercantile (call 427-8671) or Pickwick's at The Banke.

• **BONFIRE** Food, drinks and live music on the patio. Friday and Saturday from 6:30 to 10 p.m. through November. At The Bedford Village Inn, 2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford. No admission fee or reservations. Priced per item. Visit bedfordvillageinn.com.

• PARFAIT BAR SUNDAY

Create your own parfait with granola, dried and fresh fruit, yogurt, fruit coulis and more. Sun. from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Concord Food Co-op, 24 S. Main St., Concord. Cost is \$5.99 per pound. See concordfoodcoop.com.

• CONCORD FOOD CO-OP

BRUNCH Brunch buffet at The Co-op's Celery Stick Café with build-your-own omelet station. Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Concord Food Co-op, 24 S. Main St., Concord. Call 410-3099, or visit concordfoodcoop.coop.

Author events/lectures/meetings

• ANNUAL MEMBER-OWNER MEETING

For the Manchester Food Co-op. Tues., Dec. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Local Moose, 124 Queen City Ave., Manchester. RSVP through eventbrite. Contact info@manchesterfoodcoop.coop with questions.

• COOKING WITH TEA:

A HOLIDAY MENU Learn how tea can enhance your food. Thurs., Dec. 10, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Cozy Tea Cart, 104 Route 13, Brookline. Cost is \$25 per person. Reservations required. Visit thecozyteacart.com.

• (COOK)BOOK GROUP

Discuss tips, tricks, troubles and treats with a new cookbook each meeting. Members make something from the book to share. First Fri. of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Derry Public Library, 64 E. Broadway, Derry. See derrypl.org.

Church & charity suppers/bake sales

• **CHURCH SUPPER** Enjoy a pot roast supper plus a beverage and dessert on Sat., Nov. 21, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. St. James United Methodist Church, 646 D.W. Hwy., Merrimack. Cost

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What is your must-have kitchen item?

Of course sharp knives ... but the main thing is to keep the equipment clean, because if you don't keep your equipment clean it's going to contaminate the meat, which is going to cause bacteria, which is going to cause the meat to spoil.

What would you choose for your last meal?

Lobster, baked stuffed with lobster stuffing. To be honest with you, I've eaten meat all my life. Seven days a week, 52 days a year. We always had meat on the table because my father was in the business. And you know what I like, personally? I like sloppy things like casseroles. My mother never made that. It was always steak, pork chops, roast pork, roast beef, lamb roast.

Favorite dish at a local restaurant?

I always go for something in the seafood line. It's not a fancy place — it's up in Seabrook, called Lena's. It's the best.

What celebrity would you like to share a meal with?

I went to [high school] with Jay Leno. He was two years below me. He's into cars and my hobby is cars too. I collect cars and I restore them. I'd like to have lunch with

Jay Leno because I knew him in school ... and he's into cars and I'm into cars. We'd be talking car talk.

What is the most uncommon meat you've ever eaten or prepared?

Moonlight Meadery in Londonderry ... the owner's wife, she's from South Africa, and we made them some African sausage. Special made just for her. She gave me the formula. It's pork, beef and lamb, but it's got clove in it. It's very overpowering, but we made a sample. ... It was an off-the-wall thing.

What is your favorite meal to cook at home?

I like playing with meatloaf, adding different ingredients. Sometimes meatloaf is just ground beef, bread crumbs and egg. I like to add a little different stuff in there. Put some carrots, raisins in there. Mix it up, sweeten it up a little bit.

What is your favorite cut of meat?

I like a good, greasy rib-eye or Delmonico steak, which is the same. Rib-eye is Delmonico. And the best part is the lip on the outside. There's a little lip on the outside between the fat and the meat in the middle.

— Allie Ginwala

Hushwee

From the kitchen of Christopher George's aunt

4 cups lean hamburger
2 cups rice, washed
½ cup pine nuts
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon allspice

Salt and pepper to taste
4 cups chicken broth (or 4 cups water and 3 bouillon cubes)

Saute meat until light brown. Add rice and saute lightly (cooks the surface and prevents rice from sticking). Add pine nuts, seasonings and broth. Stir and cook until water is absorbed, about 20 minutes. Serve as a side dish or stuffing for a chicken.

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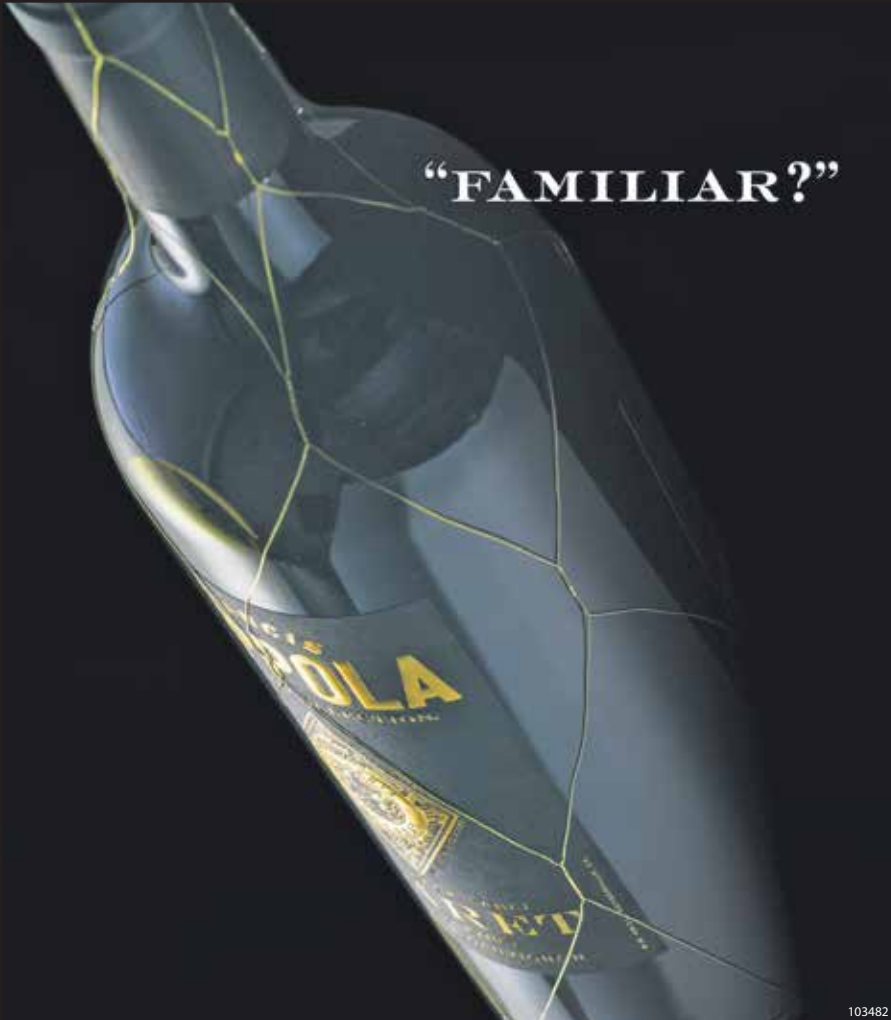
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• **ROAST PORK PUBLIC SUPPER** Family-style supper includes potatoes, carrots, green beans, applesauce, beverage and dessert. Plus a free blood pressure screening. Sat., Nov. 21,

from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Arlington Street United Methodist Church, 63 Arlington St., Nashua. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$6 for children ages 6 to 11, free for children under 5. See asumc.net.

• **THANKSGIVING FUNDRAISER** For the New Hampshire Food Bank. Place holiday order and purchase a \$5 raffle

ticket before Nov. 22. Winner will receive their entire Thanksgiving pre-order for free. If \$1,000 goal is met all losing ticket stubs may be redeemed for a free slice of pie in January. The Black Forest Cafe & Bakery, 212 Rt. 101, Amherst. Raffle ticket costs \$5. See the-blackforestcafe.com.



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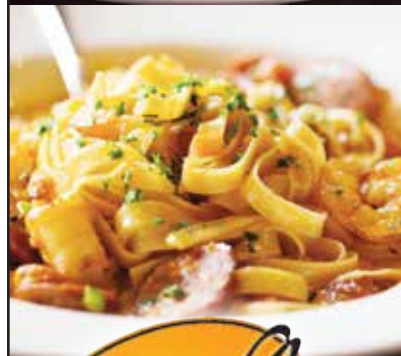
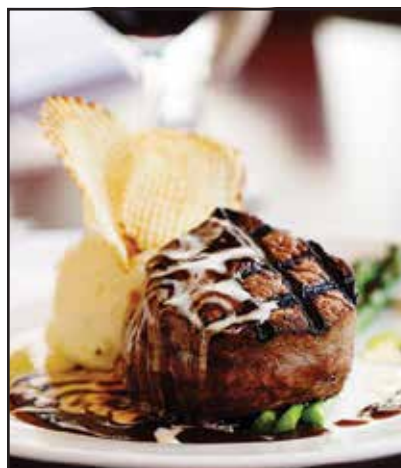
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Thanksgiving means friends and family gathered together, amazing food and the beginning of the Christmas season (unless you're the mall, where the end of Halloween is the beginning).

Celebrating Thanksgiving as an adult has illuminated two very important things for me: (1) I value my traditions and (2) I'm inflexible about said traditions. If you're like me, you probably have a few Thanksgiving traditions you insist on: what time you eat, whether you watch football, whether you begin decorating for Christmas that weekend and, of course, what you eat.

In my normal life, I love trying new recipes and being open to variety of cuisine, but on Thanksgiving? No way. I'll roast my turkey in a bag, thank you. I'll cook my mother's recipes for stuffing and sweet potatoes and we will absolutely do store-bought gravy. That's the way it is in my house with a few additions thanks to my husband and his traditions (canned cranberry sauce, green bean casserole and apple crisp pie).

I didn't realize how inflexible I was about all of this until a few years ago

when we hosted a friends' Thanksgiving (a Friendsgiving!) and we divvied out the dishes in potluck style. When someone else volunteered to bring the sweet potatoes, I was completely thrown off. *What would a Thanksgiving be like without my mother's sweet potato recipe?*

Even though I might be a little crazy, I know I am not alone in this. It is hard to be flexible around traditions. Family recipes are a tangible way to translate the holiday and family gatherings of our childhoods into our grown-up lives. They can also function to "pass down" these memories and experiences to our loved ones. It's really no wonder we're all a bit protective of them!

That being said, that Friendsgiving years ago, my friend brought some amazing sweet potatoes! I'll make them from time to time (but still stick with my mom's for official Thanksgiving). I'll share my mom's recipe today; it's easy, so tasty and absolutely not healthy. Just as Thanksgiving should be.

—Allison Wilson Dudas

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1 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup softened butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup milk
2 eggs

Boil unpeeled potatoes until soft (about 15 to 20 minutes). Remove peels and combine

all ingredients using a mixer. It will get quite smooth!

TOPPING

2/3 cup Bisquick
2/3 cup dark brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
4 tablespoons softened butter

Mix until crumbly. Put over potato mixture.
Bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

• SANTA FUND LUNCHEON

To benefit the Salvation Army. Mon., Nov. 23, at 11 a.m. Radisson Hotel Armory, 700 Elm St., Manchester. Cost is \$35 per ticket. RSVP before Nov. 16. See unionleader.com.

• **THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST** Join for the annual breakfast, silent auction, raffle and donation period. Tues., Nov. 24, from 7:15 to 9 a.m. Radisson Hotel, 650 Elm St., Manchester. See newhorizonsforh.org.

• **THANKSGIVING DINNER CELEBRATION** Harbor Homes traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings, plus live music and entertainment. Those in

need of a hot meal are invited to attend. Tues., Nov. 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 45 High St., Nashua. Donations of pies, cookies and cakes are welcome.

• **COMMUNITY SUPPER** Monthly community supper. On the third Wed. of the month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Milford, 20 Elm St., Milford. Visit uucm.org.

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• **A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE THINGS: BEER DINNER** Menu features Maine crab,

steak tartare, braised pork, nitro beer and more. Wed., Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. Throwback Brewery, 7 Hobbs Road, North Hampton. Cost is \$45. For reservations, call 379-2317 or email info@throwbackbrewery.com with the number of people in your party. See throwbackbrewery.com.

Special events

• **GRAND TASTING** With WineNot Boutique. Event features 70 wines, vendors, special guests, music and food. Thurs., Nov. 19, from 6 to 9 p.m. Searles Castle, 21 Searles Road, Windham. Cost is \$35 per person. See winenotboutique.com.

Feeling French

Franco-American Centre celebrates wine release



A dish presented at the Beaujolais Nouveau wine dinner. Maurice Demers photo.

By Allie Ginwala
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While the third Thursday in November may be of no particular importance in the American calendar, under French law it marks the much anticipated release of Georges Duboeuf's Beaujolais Nouveau, the first taste of the year's French wine harvest.

"As I understand, they want a wine right away from this current harvest and this is what comes out," Maurice Demers, former president and current board of trustees member for the Franco American Centre, said in a phone interview. "[It's] not fermented for very long, it's a fruity wine and meant to be drunk young."

Shipped all over the world (but not permitted for sale until Nov. 19 this year) Beaujolais Nouveau is an affordable red wine that provides the perfect opportunity for a celebration, which for the past six years is exactly what the Franco-American Centre has done.

"[We] tried to craft a social event around the Beaujolais Nouveau that would resonate with New Hampshire, and it seems we've done that," Demers said.

He's served as chairman of the dinner since its inauguration.

"It's usually not considered a stuffy wine connoisseurs [event]," he said. "It's meant to be light and fruity ... so we party, but a little more formal, an excuse to get dressed up."

“ We're all about preserving our culture, and part of that is the joie de vivre — a love of life. **”**

MAURICE DEMERS

On Saturday, Nov. 21, guests are invited to the Beaujolais Nouveau Gala held at Drumlins Restaurant. The meal features four courses of French cuisine with dishes like roulade of pork, composed seafood and sweet crepes, each paired with a different wine. He said the third course — a grilled hanger steak with roasted root vegetables and potatoes dauphinoise — will mostly like be paired with the Beaujolais

Nouveau, a red wine and a red meat.

Before each course, Drumlins Restaurant's chef will introduce the dish to the guests, sharing how it was prepared and what properties in the wine make it a suitable pairing.

The formal event (cocktail dresses are requested for the women and at least a coat and tie for the men) is designed to create a romantic atmosphere with strolling violinist Paul Pelletier, a singing performance of this year's theme song "J'ai deux amours" ("I have two loves") and a group sing-along of old French Christmas carols to end the evening and usher in the holiday season.

"We're all about preserving our culture, and part of that is the *joie de vivre*," Demers said. "A love of life." 🍷

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Wine for a feast

Try cranberry and apple wines

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Thanksgiving is next week and that means that it is time to start planning food and wine pairings for the big meal. There are several options for all wine enthusiasts, including red, white and fruit wine. But remember that this meal has a lot of elements, so if there is something else you like, have it! These pairings are a great starting point and will give you some ideas.

Fruit wine

Step aside, grape wine! Thanksgiving is the best holiday to open and enjoy wines made from other fruits, like cranberries and apples. With an abundance of these in New England, there is no shortage of options. And the good news is that they aren't all made for sweet wine fans either.

One of my must-haves for Thanksgiving is Hermit Woods Winery's **Heirloom Crabapple** wine. This has become one of its signature offerings and with good reason. It has medium sweetness and some tang that pairs perfectly with stuffing, turkey and more. Hermit Woods also offers a sparkling version of this wine now, which will add some effervescence to the holiday.

Another one of my go-to wines for this holiday is LaBelle Winery's **cranberry wine**. Not only is its color gorgeous, but it has light sweetness balanced with tartness from the cranberries. It can be used to make a spritzer or cranberry cosmo martini as well. LaBelle's **Shimmer**, a blend of riesling and dry apple wine, is another option besides the typical sparkling wine that will still please Champagne drinkers with its crispness.

Copper Beech Winery in Hooksett has a variety of wines that will complement the Thanksgiving meal, including **Autumn Harvest**, an apple and white cranberry blend; **Brilliant Cranberry**, a tart and bright wine; **Country Crabapple**, a crisp, tart and off-dry wine; and **Crisp Apple**, made from a blend of Granite State apples. Autumn Harvest can be enjoyed as warm spiced mulled wine as another option.

Some of the other options include Flag Hill Winery & Distillery's **Apple Cranberry**; **Cranberry Bog** (dry) or **Sweet Follansbee Cove Cranberry** (sweet) or **Sweet Kiss** from Newfound Lake Vineyards; **Cranberry** (semi-dry) or **Misty Bog** (sweet) from Haunting Whisper Vineyard & Spirits and **Cranbreez** from Zorvino Vineyards.

White wine

White wine is typically thought of as a natural partner for turkey, but the key is finding



something that also goes well with the sides of squash, stuffing and cranberry sauce.

Jewell Towne Vineyards in South Hampton suggests its **Aurore**, a dry and refreshing wine with notes of green apple; **Seyval**, a smooth and clean wine with hints of passion fruit, peach and citrus, and one of my favorites, **Cayuga White**, which is an off-dry wine with hints of tropical fruit and melon.

Sweet Baby Vineyard, which is in the process of relocating to Hampstead, offers a **pinot grigio** that is a great option for Thanksgiving, as it is off-dry with hints of pineapple. Chardonnay drinkers will also like their offering, as it is lightly oaked with just enough buttery texture.

Wine drinkers who like something a little sweeter may like Flag Hill in Lee's **Cayuga White**, which is a sweet wine with balanced acidity and notes of exotic and tropical fruit. Their **Flag Hill White** is another option, a blend that has a touch of oak, notes of citrus and pear, and a clean finish.

Steve Stacionis, wine blogger, shared on the Food Network that fuller-bodied wines tend to pair better with the richer dishes. If you are a California chardonnay fan, you can put this on the table, while wine drinkers who don't enjoy that much oak can look for an un-oaked version — try an Italian chardonnay instead. Riesling and gewürztraminer are other options, though he suggests saving the sweeter versions for dessert and enjoying a drier wine with the meal.

Red wine

For red wines, Stacionis suggests pinot noir, as it is lighter and easier on the palate than some other reds like merlot and cabernet. My favorite pinot noir is **Firesteed** from Oregon, and it is what I'd put on my table as a red option. Zorvino Vineyards in Sandown makes a **pinot noir** as well.

Following the Thanksgiving meal, sweeter dessert wines pair well with pies and other sweets, or they can be enjoyed on their own. Mulled apple cider with Sap House Meadery's **Vanilla Bean** mead is another great option. 🍷

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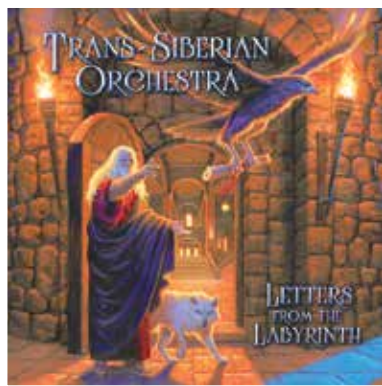
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Trans-Siberian Orchestra, *Letters From the Labyrinth* (Lava Records)



If you don't know the TSO story, it's actually pretty interesting. High-level music biz guy Paul O'Neill had produced power-metal band Savatage, whose guitarist, Jon Oliva, agreed to start this project. But then Oliva's brother (and Savatage mate) Criss was killed by a drunk driver, and TSO was put on hold for a few months so that Jon could keep Savatage's record contract from melting down. So although it may seem like this band has been a holiday fixture forever, this stuff happened only

20 years ago, which brings us to this LP, the first proper full-length since (and the conceptual sequel to) 2009's *Night Castle*. Like that album, *LFTL* doesn't rely on holiday carols to radiate Tchaikovsky-esque magic; it's more of an ear-grabber prog-metal exercise steeped in Wagner ("Promethues") and Orff ("Time and Distance"), its knuckleballs coming by way of a chick singer who sounds like Melissa Etheridge ("Not the Same") and a cowboy-metal fling ("Forget About The Blame"). Any of it would work in the context of their laser-heavy show, which will be at Manchester's Verizon Wireless Arena for two shows (3 and 8 p.m.) on Nov. 28. **A** — *Eric W. Saeger*

Ian Karmel, *9.2 on Pitchfork* (Kill Rock Stars Records)



The best comedy attacks culture at its softest spots — better yet, ones that seemed impenetrable up until that moment — but it's even better when the sentiments are universally and globally relatable. That isn't exactly what we have here, but it's a good debut album for Karmel, currently a writer for *The Late Late Show with James Corden* after serving time at *Chelsea Lately* and such. He's an atheist-Jewish Portlandian, 30 years old, with the general demeanor of a fairly intelligent version

of Dane Cook. He's no anger-management case, mostly directing his barbs at targets specific to his DNA: Portland soccer-parents bragging about their over-achieving toddlers ("is 3 years old too young to play Bach concertos on the harpsichord?"), Whole Foods/Trader Joe's, Nazis, dating/sex/yadda-yadda and, of course, religion ("If God didn't want us to have bacon-wrapped scallops, why did he make them?"). Eclectic in a post-hipster way. **B** — *Eric W. Saeger*

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

- It's nearing San Francisco noise-pop band **Deerhoof's** 18th anniversary on our planet, and so it is time for a brand new live album, so you can thrill to the two or three songs you could almost dance to from this band! *Fever 121614* is the title, which is so awesome, because it was recorded on Dec. 16 last year, in Japan. Looks like "We Do Parties" will be on this album, which would be a good thing, basically.

- Hmm, this Rolling Stone article here says **Ke\$ha's** career could be over soon. It isn't already? I'd love to click on that way-too-obvious click-bait, but I landed here to check out the deal with an album from someone who doesn't care about bling or whatever Ke\$ha usually babbles about to her five remaining 9-year-old fans. Look, it's Vatican rock and roll legend **Pope Francis**, with an album coming out called *Wake Up!* Why is the Pope punking me? Am I that easy a target? Whatever, did you ever think in a million years that the Pope would out-rock Ke\$ha? Yet here he is, speaking that weird gibberish Mexican Arabic or whatever his deal is, to a throng in Korea, and there are horn sections and heavy metal guitars. This is kind of cool, in its way. Wait, he's not speaking Latino Greek or whatnot; it's English. Never mind. It's the accent. The Pope, everyone, rocking your socks off, for glory. We'll close this bulletin with two words: GROUPIE NUNS.

- Also coming out is a new album from **The Corrs**, titled *White Light*. Who are The Corrs? Let's Google them. Oh, they're a fiddle-and-blarny Celtic band, mostly made of unapproachable model-type girls. That's always fun, huh? OK, someone punked them on YouTube, seriously, because this album snippet sounds like rave-chill house. Did they give up trying to be Celtic Woman or whatever already? Comments disabled for the video, I see. I seriously wish I had time to be a rotten troll on YouTube. Wait, here's another thing, "Queen of Hollywood," from the album. It sounds like Celtic Woman covering a Jewel song. That must be them. P.S.: it's boring.

- And last we have a box set, of course, because holidays and credit card "heck with it" drunk-buying! Canadian prog-rock artifacts **Rush** will release *R40 Live!* This is a "3 CD/Blu-ray Combo," so I guess you get some combination of CDs and Blu-rays, like two of each and one of the other, unless the disks themselves can be played in CD players, Blu-Rays and toaster ovens, which is where I'd put any such disks. How many live versions of these songs do you people need? You know what these disks are actually for, right, these Extra Redundant Live Editions, right? They're made so your neighbor can "make conversation" with some other Rush fan during your up-to-then-enjoyable barbecue and say something like "I heard a live version of 'YYZ' where Neil Pearl dropped his stick, like, you can hear it, but it bounces back in his hand and he uses it to make scrambled eggs while *totally wailing* on the solo, it's *awesome*." Hooray! — *Eric W. Saeger*

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Never too old

Jessie Salisbury on *A Heart Mended*

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You're never too old to fulfill your dreams.

"That's what I told somebody about writing this book," said Lyndeborough resident Jessie Salisbury over coffee and pumpkin pie at Milford's Red Arrow Diner last week. "Don't give up on it."

Salisbury is 80 and just had her first book, *A Heart Mended*, printed by Soul Mate Publishing. She'd written the story in the '70s — actually, it's one of many books she'd written in the '70s and '80s, "scads" of which still sit in several drawers at home. For a long time, they were untouched, having been rejected by publishers and contests years ago.

"The second something comes back, I say, well, I guess it wasn't good after all, and I put it in a drawer. Which you're not supposed to do," Salisbury said.

After decades dormancy, Salisbury got up the nerve to begin submitting again a few years ago. She sent her first novel, *Orchard Hill*, to Soul Mate in response to an advertisement in a FundsforWriters newsletter — they were looking for romances.

They accepted the novel and turned it into an eBook, kicking off her career as a novelist.

Salisbury's latest book, *A Heart Mended*, is available in both eBook and paperback format, on Amazon and at the Toadstool Bookshop in Milford, which she visits for an author event Saturday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. The book follows a 40-year-old recovering from a heart attack who has taken a job as a nature counselor at a youth camp, where he finds love and old demons.

Salisbury remembers that the book started as a short story, but for some reason, she couldn't make it work.

"Some people say it's harder to write a short story than it is a novel because in a short story, you can't have anything extra, but it still all has to be there. So if you want to expand — provide background, and all that other stuff — it's a lot easier to do a novel," she said.

Salisbury's no stranger to writing. She's been a part-time journalist for publications like The Nashua Telegraph, the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript and The Milford Cabinet, for which she still writes, since 1967. (Her most recent article was about the area artists participating in New Hamp-

shire Open Doors.) She co-wrote an *Images of America* book covering Wilton, Temple and Lyndeborough, and she had a short story published in *Love Free or Die*, part of the New Hampshire Pulp Fiction series. All this helped her write her novels.

"Writing news articles, you have to keep focused, and that's a big help. You can't get side-tracked," she said.

She writes regularly every day, waking at 5:30 a.m. to perform newspaper work and take care of secretary errands for the several town organizations she's part of. Then, she writes fiction, edits old work and, twice a month, attends meetings for a writing group that meets at the library called the Tale Spinners. At the time of her interview, she'd recently submitted another story, *No Coming Back*, to a writing contest and was anticipating the release of her short story collection, *Fifteen Tales of Love*, also published by Soul Mate.

Though all her published fiction has been categorized as "romance," Salisbury doesn't consider herself a romance novelist.

"For one thing, I do not write about hot sex," she said. "I do not write anything explicit. I'm part of an older generation. I think it's better to imply. If it's only implied, you can imagine it anyway you want."

She calls *Orchard Hill* and *A Heart Mended* love stories.

She's also beginning to look for a publisher for her fantasy/science fiction series.

"I'm an overnight success after 60 years, you know?" she joked.

But she doesn't like to dwell on her age. In fact, she was turned off by the Soul Mate Publishing blog's reader comments about her book.

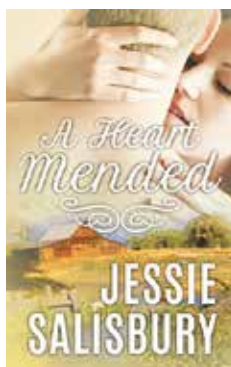
"I was rather annoyed — a lot of the comments were about my age. But I didn't think that was really relevant," Salisbury said. "Because I don't feel old."

She recalled a time 20 years ago, at age 60, when she fell and broke her wrist roller skating with her grandson. The doctor was appalled and asked her what she was doing roller skating.

"If something comes along that I want to do, I tend to do it," she said. 🍷

Meet Jessie Salisbury

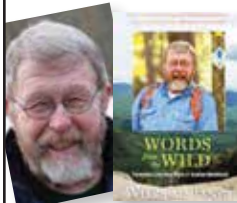
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Phishing for Phools: The Economics of Manipulation and Deception, by George A. Akerlof and Robert J. Shiller (Princeton University Press, 179 pages)

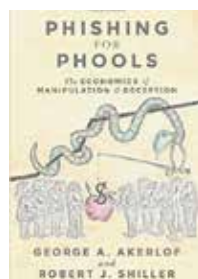
Early on in their brilliantly named takedown on American capitalism, George Akerlof and Robert Shiller describe how the contemporary free market works. To them, it is not the “invisible hand” extolled by Adam Smith and his disciples, but a cunning fist. “Being aware of the benefits of free markets should not make us blind to their defects,” foremost of which is the market’s tendency to exploit human frailty, the authors assert. Later, they admit pithily: “Do we like free markets? Yes. But.”

The “but” comprises this book, which, disappointingly, fails to achieve the cheeky promise of its title. The PH factor grows wearisome with overuse as the authors go on about phisherman and phood, making the pun trudge on well past its sell-by date. Also vexing is the authors’ insistence on constantly telling the reader what’s coming up next, a device with no discernible purpose beyond thickening an extended magazine article into a hardcover book.

The word “phishing” was coined around 1996 by hackers who induced unsuspecting AOL users to give away their data. Today it merits a listing in the Oxford English Dictionary as any sort of Internet fraud. Akerlof and Shiller take it further: “It is about getting people to do things that are in the interest of the phisherman, but not in the interest of the target.”

And “phools,” well, you know, that’s us.

Both academics and Nobel Prize winners (Akerlof in 2001, Shiller in 2013), the pair collaborated on 2010’s *Animal Spirits: How Human Psychology Drives the Economy, and Why It Matters for Global Capitalism*,



in which they endeavor to bring Keynesian economics to the masses. *Phishing* attempts a similar gift, explaining how the purveyors of new cars, college diplomas, food, drugs and junk bonds hook and reel us in. Their biggest challenge is how to make the reader care about old news, the “less than scrupulous behavior” that is “incentivized in competitive markets.”

The authors admit as much in a maddening afterword in which they write, “If so much has been written about the naïve and the uninformed in behavioral economics and finance, there remains the question regarding where we come in. Perhaps there is nothing new here.” To which the reader replies, “Great. Now you tell us?” and wonders if he or she has been unwittingly caught up in a grand social experiment.

But Akerlof and Shiller seem content to cluck worriedly about widely known consumer abuse that takes place in the purchase of a car or a house. Unfortunately, there is no useable advice on how to avoid this, only assurance that we are indeed ripped off by car dealerships, banks and credit-card issuers.

The solutionless handwringing continues in chapters about Big Pharma and Big Phood, which conspire to maximize profit with spin-ready advertising firms and lobbyists. The authors examine the enthusiastic marketing of Vioxx, a painkiller developed and sold by Merck between 1999 and 2004, when it was withdrawn after being implicated in between 88,000 and 139,000 heart attacks and 26,000 deaths, as well as countless gastrointestinal problems.

In delving into Vioxx, the authors draw awkward parallels. The pharmaceutical industry employs one drug rep for every six physicians in the U.S. and enjoys gen-

erous profits even as it suffers from public contempt over thousand-dollar pills and the loathsome practice of planting favorable articles in medical journals. (A glowing report about Vioxx, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, was based on a study done at Merck’s behest that was selective about what it revealed.)

At any rate, there’s a big difference between a phool parted with her money and one parted with her life, and here the authors labor to conjoin wildly disparate sins of capitalism.

Chapters totter between the obvious (why Facebook makes people unhappy) and the unnecessarily obtuse (the performance of low-grade corporate bonds between 1900 and 1943). The gloom breaks for only 10 pages near the end of the book, when, in a chapter titled “The Resistance and Its Heroes,” the authors concede that, on the whole, this dastardly capitalism thing works remarkably well. Life expectancy is up for most groups, cars and planes are safe with rare exception, and the market, for all its “ever more sophisticated manipulations and deceptions,” powers along, extending its bountiful cornucopia of choice. This is because of consumer advocacy groups, government oversight agencies, activist shareholders, the courts and the plethora of local and federal laws, the authors say.

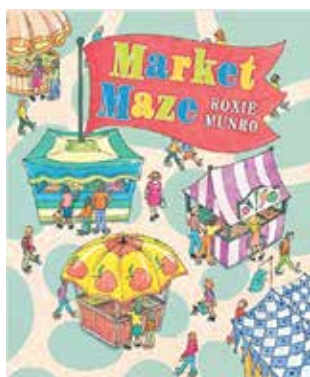
In dissecting the carefully plotted manipulation that induces an unwitting consumer to buy a certain pill or a Cinnabon pastry, the authors want the reader to consider the chasm that unpleasantly yawns between the truth of what they actually want (be it good health or financial security) and what they think they want (a cinnamon roll and as much stuff as they can pack in their cars on Black Friday). Awareness may help close the divide. But the U.S. economy, which relies on consumer spending for 70 percent of its might, bets its life that it won’t. C— *Jennifer Graham*

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By Tania del Rio



Hits shelves:
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Author best known for: Web-comic-turned-book *My Poorly Drawn Life*

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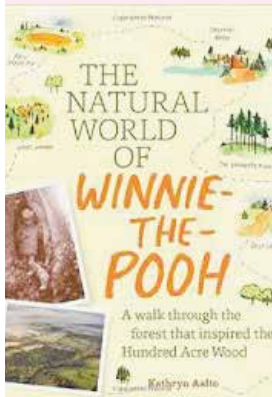
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Books

Author Events

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• **WILLEM LANGE** Author talks about *Words From the Wild: Favorite Columns From a Yankee Notebook*. Thurs., Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com.

• **PETER ZHEUTLIN** Author talks about his book *Rescue Road: One Man, Thirty Thousand Dogs, and a Million Miles on The Last Hope Highway*. Sat., Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. Toadstool Bookshop, 12 Depot Square, Peterborough. Call 924-3543.

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• **BECKY FIELD** Author talks about *Different Roots, Common Dreams: New Hampshire's Cultural Diversity*. Thurs., Dec. 3, at 5:30 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com, call 224-0562.

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Suffragette (PG-13)

A factory worker is drawn in to the campaign to win women the right to vote in *Suffragette*, a not-quite-there look at the women's suffrage movement in 1912 Britain.

Maud (Carey Mulligan) is 24 but she has already spent more than 10 years of her life working in a giant laundry where she makes significantly less than her husband, Sonny (Ben Whishaw, the current Q of the Bond movies), who also works there, and where she also has to deal with the lechery of her serial rapist boss. The factory earns the family enough to pay for their small apartment, the daycare where her young son George (Adam Michael Dodd) spends his days and occasional outings to the movies but not, we gather, a whole lot more. When Maud hears Mrs. Houghton (Romola Garai), wife of the local MP, urging women to give their testimony to hearings considering the issue of women's vote, she is intrigued, just as she is by the suffragette medals on the coat worn by Mrs. Ellyn (Helena Bonham Carter), the pharmacist whom Maud goes to for George. Her husband, though, takes a dim view of suffragettes and she perhaps also fears the attention it could bring to her at the factory. But the pluckiness of fellow factory worker Violet (Anne-Marie Duff), whom Maud happened to see throwing rocks through windows during a protest, convinces Maud to stick her neck out a bit and go to parliament to hear Violet's testimony. When Violet is unable to testify, Maud finds her-



Suffragette

self in front of Prime Minister Lloyd George (Adrian Schiller) giving her own account of her life. The moment gets her invested in the suffrage struggle, but she quickly learns her involvement comes at a price. Soon her job, marriage, rights to her son and even freedom are at risk as she is sucked into the government's campaign of harsh prosecution of suffragettes.

It's a common narrative structure — for movies, newspaper stories, whatever — to tell the story of a moment in history or of an issue by focusing on one person. It gives the facts emotional resonance. It's easier to feel something about Maud than about all women of turn-of-the-20th-century Britain.

Except, sometimes it's not.

The movie ends with real-life newsreel footage of a funeral that comes at the end of the movie (while the story of Maud and some of the central characters is fictional, historical people and events are swirled throughout). The funeral and the events that lead to it aren't smoothly portrayed, in my opinion, in the film itself, but the real-life newsreel footage, followed by title cards that list when women gained the right to vote in a variety of countries, is actually quite moving and made me feel the emotional importance of the suffrage fight in a way the preceding movie hadn't. (Also, it was neat to see that while the U.S. was by

no means the first western country to give all adult female citizens the right to vote, it got there before many countries in Europe, including the U.K.)

I also liked the glimpses of working-class life the movie gave us. Details, such as the woman whose job it appeared to be to wake people up by blowing small pebbles through a straw and hitting their windows (kind of ingenious — wakes up the window's tenant but not their neighbors), were fascinating. And I liked the way the movie showed us how some in the suffrage movement began to see property destruction as the means by which it could draw public attention to its cause. Hints about the disagreement within the movement about this tactic were also interesting, as were scenes where Inspector Arthur Steed (Brendan Gleeson), the government's investigator of these women, bunched suffragettes in with Fenians as agents of what we would now call domestic terrorism. The scenes suggest a politically volatile environment in the U.K. in 1912, which, coincidentally, is the same year as the first season of *Downton Abbey*. How fascinating to think that while Lady Mary is in the country, flirting with the doomed Mr. Pamuk, Maud is getting beat up by police for being at a rally.

Basically, this movie has what I think of as the *Gangs of New York* problem: namely, every historical thing happening on the periphery of the fictional central story is totally engrossing while the central narrative left me feeling sort of uninterested. Multi-

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Nov. 20: *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 2* (PG-13) The series that Jennifer Lawrence has totally outgrown finally comes to its last chapter; *The Night Before* (R) Buddies Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Seth Rogan and Anthony Mackie spend one last Christmas Eve together; *Secret In Their Eyes* (R) Julia Roberts is a FBI investigator who seeks vengeance after her teenage daughter is murdered.

Reviewlets

* Indicates movies worth seeing.

****Bridge of Spies* (PG-13)** Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance. Steven Spielberg directs this traditional but solid Cold War legal and spy thriller. Hanks performance is good; Rylance's performance is great. **A-**

***Burnt* (R)**

Bradley Cooper, Daniel Bruhl. Cooper plays an angry chef looking for redemption from years of jerkishness and for three Michelin stars in this cliched and boring and not-at-all yummy-looking movie. **D**

****Crimson Peak* (R)**

Mia Wasikowska, Tom Hiddleston. Guillermo del Toro wrote and directed this top notch gothic horror movie that is Halloween fun for lovers of old fashioned, Victorian-style creepiness. A woman who sees ghosts finds herself in a crumbling ghost-filled English manor with a husband who has a dark secret. **A**

***The Intern* (PG-13)**

Anne Hathaway, Robert De Niro. This Nancy Meyers' joint features De Niro reenter-

ing the workforce at age 70 as an intern at an internet company. OK-ish chemistry between Hathaway and De Niro and a few interesting ideas about the modern workforce do not add up to a movie's worth of fun. **C**

****The Martian* (PG-13)**

Matt Damon, Jeff Daniels. An astronaut is stranded on Mars and has to science the heck out of the situation in order to survive the years until NASA can organize a rescue. Not just a fun movie that nicely blends humor and tension, *The Martian* is also an ode to science and how cool it can be. Perfect pro-STEM propaganda for your middle-schooler. **A**

***Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials* (PG-13)**

Dylan O'Brien, Giancarlo Esposito. This second outing of the *Maze Runner* YA dystopia

series is a more energetic, enjoyable movie than the first thanks in part to the addition of grown-ups and locations that aren't the overly complicated Maze. **C+**

***Our Brand Is Crisis* (R)**

Sandra Bullock, Billy Bob Thornton. Based on a documentary of the same name, this story about dueling American political strategists in the Bolivian election is smug, condescending and no darn fun. **C-**

***Pan* (PG)**

Hugh Jackman, Rooney Mara. Just because nobody wanted a Peter Pan origin story, doesn't mean we won't get one though perhaps this movie's crummy box office performance will mean that at least we don't get a sequel to this strange *Star Wars* rip

off whose only interesting character was the pre-Capt. Hook played by Garrett Hedlund. Sure, his character was a Han Solo knock-off with a Yosemite Sam voice but that makes no less sense than the rest of this dull affair. **D**

****The Peanuts Movie* (G)**

Noah Schnapp, Hadley Belle Miller. The characters you know and love get a surprisingly sweet update (visually; thematically they are the same) in this animated movie that has Charlie Brown attempting to win over the Little Red Haired Girl. **B+**

****Sicario* (R)**

Emily Blunt, Benicio Del Toro. Blunt gives a fantastic performance as an FBI agent thrown into the ultra-violent drug war between US law enforcement and Mex-

ican cartels. She is tough and capable while still being human and layered. If it isn't Oscar-nomination-worthy, I don't know what is. **A-**

***Spectre* (PG-13)**

Daniel Craig, Christoph Waltz. Neither James Bond nor the actor playing him seem to be having fun in the 24th official outing of the character. The movie's would-be saving grace — the Scooby Gang of M, Money Penny, Bill Tanner and Q — comes too little, too late. **C**

***Steve Jobs* (R)**

Michael Fassbender, Kate Winslet. A top notch cast and stand-out behind-the-camera names (Danny Boyle directing, Aaron Sorkin writing) still don't do much to enliven this so-so biopic of Apple's co-founder. **C-**

gen does a perfectly fine job making Maud sympathetic, but by focusing on her story I felt like we lost out on really understanding the times and the significance of the vote for the women of Great Britain. *Suffragette* is a serviceable dramatization of this slice of history but I could have used way more on the suffrage movement and less about this one particular "ette." **B-**

Rated PG-13 for some intense violence, thematic elements, brief strong language and partial nudity. Directed by Sarah Gavron with a screenplay by Abi Morgan, *Suffragette* is an hour and 46 minutes long and distributed by Focus Features.

The 33 (PG-13)

Nearly three dozen miners get trapped in a Chilean copper and gold mine for 69 days in *The 33*, a movie about the 2010 disaster and rescue efforts.

I don't think I have to spoiler alert this movie, right? We all have a basic idea of how things shook out?

Because focusing on 33 people would be fairly impossible, the movie allows a few characters among the miners to come to the foreground. The de facto public leader of the miners, at least in the movie's telling of it, is Mario (Antonio Banderas), who has a wife and teenage daughter waiting for him topside. Lucho (Lou Diamond Phillips) is the mine's foreman and safety chief, who suspected the mine might be unstable even before the collapse. Dario (Juan Pablo Raba) is a quiet man with a drinking problem whose older sister Maria (Juliette Binoche) becomes one of the most aggressive family members at getting government action. Yonni (Oscar Nuñez) has a mistress and a wife battling over him. Carlos (Tenoch Huerta) is a recent immigrant from Bolivia who is viewed with skepticism by some of the men. Alex (Mario Casas) is a young miner whose wife (Cote de Pablo) is pregnant with their first child. Edison (Jacob Vargas) is a miner obsessed with Elvis.

Up on the surface, the mine's owners and operators, without ability or seeming interest in finding a way to save the men, quickly cede control of the situation to the government and the country's mining minister, Laurence Golborne (Rodrigo Santoro). He is desperate to save the men and pushing the country's president (Bob Gunton) to get involved and stay involved, even after they pass the point at which they think the men have long run out of food. Engineer André Sougarret (Gabriel Byrne) shows up to begin work on the problem, which is multi-pronged: first, finding the men (whose refuge cave is sort of like a boat in a not-entirely-pinpointed spot in an ocean of rock); then, getting them enough food and water to keep them alive during the rescue process; then finding a way to dig a hole big enough to get them all out, and doing it

in a way such that more of the mountain doesn't collapse and kill them.

This is probably not a fair criticism of a Hollywood movie about a thing that happened in a foreign country but I suspect *The 33* would have been a lot better if it had been in Spanish with subtitles. I realize that's not how big mainstream movies are made but I feel like it would have been a less strange movie, less fakey-Hollywood-seeming, than the way it is now, where a bunch of "Chileans" speak English with different types of Spanish-y accents. My evidence for this is the appearance in this film of the real-life Chilean Don Francisco, the television personality best known in the U.S. for the recently ended *Sábado Gigante* variety show. (Who is Don Francisco? Picture, like, Oprah at her peak plus Johnny Carson times 1960s era Walter Cronkite. He is a Big Deal.) Something about his scenes made sense to my brain in a way that the rest of the movie never quite did.

Coincidentally, *The 33* has a problem that could appear to be the opposite of the problem that this week's *Suffragette* has. Where that movie focuses too much, I feel, on one woman, to the exclusion of the history, this movie seems to focus, scattershot, on everything and everyone connected to the 33. I would argue that this is essentially the same problem: namely, neither movie really nailed where to center its story.

In *The 33*, the focus swings everywhere — Mario, government officials, fighting wife and girlfriend, the pushy big sister. This is a movie with a real-life problem of the sort that made *The Martian* such a fun movie — math, physics and winging-it come together to create a perfect opportunity for what apparently is called "competence porn," i.e. the highly pleasurable display of people doing really excellent work in really stressful situations. It doesn't get more "competence"-requiring than three drills working furiously to save 33 men with the eyes of the world on them. And yet somehow we never get that giddy feeling that comes from watching people do well to do good. Instead, we get choppy stories from a variety of points of view and then the movie ends abruptly.

Add in that exciting array of accents, acting styles that primarily involve yelling and always seem turned up to 11 and the "Chilean," I guess, notes of Andean pan flute throughout the score (and, yes, I had to look that up) and you get a movie that feels too movie-of-the-week, thrown out there in too much of a hurry.

As with *Suffragette*, the most affecting part of *The 33* is its final moments, when we see footage of the real-life Chilean miners, who hopefully got some kind of check for this movie. The black and white (for some reason) images of their faces — faces of men of varying ages, who we can guess



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and children, grandchildren and wives and parents waiting anxiously for them — by themselves told a better story than the movie did. Not everything has to be a documentary, but that final footage made me wish that this had been. **C-**

Rated PG-13 for a disaster sequence and some language. Directed by Patricia Riggin with a screenplay by Mikko Alanne and Craig Borten and Michael Thomas, The 33 is two hours and 8 minutes long and distributed by Warner Bros.

Love the Coopers (PG-13)

Feuding parents and their problem-solving adult children come together for Christmas in Love the Coopers, an interesting salad of good bits and stale bits and bits you can't identify.

Like one of those single-serving box salads you get at any given higher-end fast-food place, it always seems like such a good idea until you actually open it up.

Charlotte (Diane Keaton) and Sam (John Goodman) are preparing to give their adult children the Best Christmas Ever, as Charlotte white-knuckledly insists they do. It is likely to also be their last Christmas together as the whole family, because Charlotte and Sam are teetering on the edge of divorce.

Why, exactly, is an interesting question. The short answer is that they've grown apart. The longer answer has something to do with empty nest syndrome and Charlotte trying to figure out her life now that her children have left home, which is confusing considering that the movie implies that the youngest child left home a good 13 or so years earlier. Now, I guess it's not impossible that such an issue would take a dozen years to manifest, but it gives their problems a very contrived feeling.

Meanwhile, their son Hank (Ed Helms) is dealing with his own difficult divorce from wife Angie (Alex Borstein) as well as his recent job loss. Even though it's Christmas Eve, he sends his elementary-school-aged son Bo (Maxwell Simkins) to the mall with teenage son Charlie (Timothée Chalamet) and sends young daughter Madison (Blake Baumgartner) to his parents so he can go on yet another job interview — though he's trying to hide his unemployment from both his ex and everyone in his family.

From everyone in his family except for Bucky (Alan Arkin), his grandfather. Charlotte's father, Bucky, is having a tough Christmas Eve himself, as he has just found out that Ruby (Amanda Seyfried), the waitress he befriended at the diner that has become his daily haunt, is leaving town.

Meanwhile, Bucky's other daughter, Emma (Marisa Tomei), has been arrested for shoplifting. Why exactly she attempted to steal a brooch is unclear — attention? or something? — but she winds up a passenger/

prisoner of a police officer (Anthony Mackie) working through his own set of issues.

At an airport bar, Sam and Charlotte's daughter Eleanor (Olivia Wilde) is steeling herself for her family time with a few drinks. She meets Joe (Jake Lacey), a soldier trying to get to his family's home but having little luck because of weather. After some banter and heavy flirting, Eleanor asks him to come home with her to pretend to be her boyfriend because — well, because something about her parents' disappointment with her being single but honestly that part doesn't make a lot of sense so really I think it's more because, as with Sam and Charlotte's marital problems, the plot requires it.

There are more subplots — about Sam's Auntie Fishy (June Squibb), Charlie's crush, Bo's desperate attempt to figure out what gift will make the sullen Charlie happy, Ruby's backstory, Emma's arresting officer's difficult relationship with his own family, etc. Some of the little scenes, usually between two characters, are kind of fun, they have humor and real emotion. A lot of them feel like every "family comes together for Christmas" movie you've seen before (including *The Family Stone*, which Keaton was also in). Some of them flat out don't work — a lot of the Keaton and Goodman stuff, much of the June Squibb "those wacky elderly" stuff, much of the Marisa Tomei stuff. The Joe and Eleanor scenes shouldn't work but occasionally do, mostly due to the talents of Lacey and Wilde. Ditto the Alan Arkin stuff — he's so entertaining to watch that you can almost get over the "meh"-ness of dialogue.

So, as I said, a salad, where you find yourself eating off the nuts and the croutons but wishing you didn't have to deal with the rest of it.

Love the Coopers isn't completely terrible. But whatever life and originality it might have had is quickly crushed by all the clichés, the unnecessary piling on of subplots and moments of forced zaniness that undo the good work of the rare bits of nuanced humor. (Also, maybe there was a big glob of Vaseline on the screen where I saw this movie, but there were times when some strange CGI tomfoolery appeared to be happening with Keaton's face. I got the sense that the movie was trying to smooth wrinkles or otherwise hide aging but the result was distractingly, unnecessarily weird. Aging is a good thing, Hollywood, it means you're not dead.) *Love the Coopers* might not be a total failure but its few funny or genuinely touching bits are not worth sifting through the rest to find. **D+**

Rated PG-13 for thematic elements, language and some sexuality. Directed by Jessie Nelson with a screenplay by Steven Rogers, Love the Coopers is an hour and 47 minutes long and is distributed by CBS Films.

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11 S. Main St., Concord, 224-4600, redrivertheatres.org
• **Truth** (R, 2015) Thurs., Nov. 19, at 8:05 p.m.
• **Sicario** (R, 2015) Thurs., Nov. 19, at 5:30 p.m.
• **Suffragette** (PG-13, 2015) Thurs., Nov. 19, at 2, 5:40 & 8 p.m.; Fri., Nov. 20, at 1, 3:15 & 8:15 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 21, at 1, 3:15 & 8:15 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 22, at 1, 3:15 & 5:30 p.m.; Mon., Nov. 23, at 2:05, 5:30 & 7:50 p.m.; Tues., Nov. 24, at 2:05 p.m.
• **Still Dreaming** (NR, 2015) Fri., Nov. 20, at 1:45, 5:35 & 7:55 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 21, at 1:45, 5:35 & 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 22, at 1:45 & 6:10 p.m.; Mon., Nov. 23, at 2:10, 5:35 & 7:30 p.m.; Tues., Nov. 24, at 2:10 & 6 p.m.; Wed., Nov. 25, at 2:10, 5:35 & 7:30 p.m.; & Thurs., Nov. 26, at 5:35 & 7:30 p.m.
• **Spotlight** (R, 2015) Fri., Nov. 20, at 2, 5, 5:30 & 8 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 21, at 2, 5, 5:30 & 8 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 22, at 2 & 5 p.m.; Mon., Nov. 23, at 2, 5:25 & 8 p.m.; Tues., Nov. 24, at 2, 5:25 & 8 p.m.; Wed., Nov. 25, at 2, 5:25 & 8 p.m.; & Thurs., Nov. 26, at 5:25 & 8 p.m.
• **The Phenix City Story** (1955) Sun., Nov. 22, at 4 p.m.
• **Brooklyn** (PG-13, 2015) Wed., Nov. 25, at 2:05, 5:30 & 7:55 p.m., & Thurs., Nov. 26, at 5:30 & 7:55 p.m.

WILTON TOWN HALL

40 Main St., Wilton, 654-3456, wiltontownhalltheatre.com
• **Bridge of Spies** (PG-13, 2015) Thurs., Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m.
• **Woman in Gold** (PG-13, 2015) Thurs., Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m.
• **Suffragette** (PG-13, 2015) Fri., Nov. 20, through Thurs., Nov. 26, at 7:30 p.m. Additional screenings Sun., Nov. 22, at 2 & 4:30 p.m.
• **Miss You Already** (PG-13, 2015) Fri., Nov. 20, through Thurs., Nov. 26, at 7:30 p.m. Additional screenings Sun., Nov. 22, at 2 & 4:30 p.m.
• **Planes, Trains and Automobiles** (1987) Sat., Nov. 21, at 4:30 p.m.
• **The Kid** (1921) Sun., Nov. 29, at 4:30 p.m., silent film with musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis

CAPITOL CENTER FOR THE ARTS

44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com
• **Berg's Lulu** (Met Live in HD) Sat., Nov. 21, at 12:30 p.m.
• **2015 Concord: 15 Stories About Now** (documentary) 15 stories about Concord in 2015, Wed., Dec. 2, at 7 p.m.

MANCHESTER CITY LIBRARY

405 Pine St., Manchester, 624-6550, manchester.lib.nh.us
• **Home for the Holidays** (PG-13, 1995) Fri., Nov. 20, at 3 p.m.
• **Wargames** (PG, 1983) Wed., Nov. 25, at 1 p.m.
• **The Road to Yesterday** (1925) Tues., Dec. 1, at 6 p.m., silent film with musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis

NASHUA PUBLIC LIBRARY

NPL Theater, 2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4611, nashualibrary.org. Seating is limited. Food and drink are not permitted. Cinema Cabaret screens adult films on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and the family film series screens on Saturdays at 2 p.m.
• **Pocahontas** (G, 1995) Sat., Nov. 21, at 2 p.m.
• **Tanu Wed Manu Returns** (2015) Tues., Nov. 24, at 7 p.m.
• **Shaun the Sheep** (PG, 2015) Sat., Nov. 28, at 2 p.m.

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194 Derry Road, Route 102, Hudson, rodgerslibrary.org. 886-6030
• **Cinema Celebration** second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

EXETER TOWN HALL

9 Front St., Exeter
• **The General** (1926) silent film with musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, Fri., Nov. 20, at 7 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH PLAYERS THEATER

55 Hadley Road, Peterborough, 924-9344, peterboroughplayers.org
• **MET: Lulu** Sat., Nov. 21, at 12:30 p.m.
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THE MUSIC HALL

28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 438-2400, themusichall.org. Some films are screened at Music Hall Loft, 131 Congress St., Portsmouth
• **Phoenix** (PG-13, 2014) Thurs., Nov. 19, at 7 p.m.
• **He Named Me Malala** (PG-13, 2015) Thurs., Nov. 19, at 7 p.m.; Fri., Nov. 20, at 7 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 22, at 7 p.m.
• **Breathe** (2014) Fri., Nov. 20, at 7 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 22, at 3 p.m., French with subtitles
• **Berg's Lulu** (Met in HD) Sun., Nov. 22, at 12:30 p.m.
• **Chasing Shadows** Mon., Nov. 23, at 8 p.m.; Tues., Nov. 24, at 6 & 9 p.m.; Wed., Nov. 25, at 6 & 9 p.m.
• **Shaun the Sheep** (PG, 2015) Sat., Nov. 28, at 4 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 28, at 6:30 p.m.
• **Theeb** (2014) Sat., Nov. 28, at 7 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 29, at 7 p.m.; Wed., Dec. 2, at 7 p.m.; Thurs., Dec. 3, at 7 p.m.

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31 Wakefield St., Rochester, rochesteroperahouse.com, 332-2211, 335-1992
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MARIPOSA MUSEUM

26 Main St., Peterborough, 924-4555, mariposamuseum.org
• **Plant Pure Nation** (2015) Thurs., Nov. 19, at 7 p.m.

THE FLYING MONKEY

39 S. Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com
• **Chasing Shadows** Fri., Nov. 27, at 4 & 8 p.m.

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THE ROUND UP

Local music news & events

By Michael Witthaus
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• **Vegemite-y:** Former Men At Work frontman **Colin Hay** maintains a robust solo career long after his band gave the world an Australian culture course with the 1982 hit “Down Under,” the follow-up to its smash debut “Who Can It Be Now?” Expect those and selections from the dozen albums Hay’s made on his own at his upcoming show, Friday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. at Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. Tickets \$29.50-\$45 at ccanh.com.

• **Harmonious:** Congratulations to newlyweds Rachel Vogelzang and John Burlock. Their duo Feisty Pants isn’t playing this month’s Vogelzang-produced **Near/Far** event, which features Concord-based singer-songwriter **Matt Poirier** and the duo of singer Michelle Tilton and guitarist Herb Cameron, both members of venerable folk rock band **Acoustisaurus**. The free show happens Friday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at New England College Concord, 62 N. Main St., Concord. See facebook.com/feistypantsmusic.

• **Folk out:** “You can dance while your knowledge is growing,” Pete Townshend wrote back in the day. For folksinger **Tom Neilson** it’s a mission, and his cause is protecting wildlife and natural resources from destruction. Neilson performs a benefit show for the New Hampshire chapter of the Sierra Club, with all proceeds going to the nonprofit organization, on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. at Sleepy Hollow Homestead Music, Chester. Call 224-8222 for tickets (\$25) and venue directions.

• **Bluesway:** 2015 Granite State Blues Challenge winners **Downtown Dave and The Deep Pockets** need travel cash to compete in the international finals in Memphis in January, so they’re playing a fundraiser. The event also supports solo category winner **Delanie Pickering** and youth showcase nominee **Veronica Lewis**, the latter a 12-year-old singer and boogie-woogie piano wizard. The show is Sunday, Nov. 22, at 6 p.m. at Tupelo Music Hall, 2 Young Road, Londonderry. Tickets are \$20. See granitestateblues.org.

• **Drinking:** Prepare for the long weekend with **Pat & the Hats** and a big lineup of friends, including Lauren Hurley, Tristan Omand, Brad Schneider, Straw Man Standing, Trunk of Funk’s David Shore, Jason Lane, Josh Kimball and Delanie Pickering. Pat and his bandmates will preview songs from an upcoming EP Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m. at True Brew Barista, 3 Bicentennial Square, Concord, truebrewbaista.com.

Want more ideas for a fun night out? Check out **Hippo Scout**, available via the Apple App Store, Google Play and online at hipposcout.com.

NITE Get happy

Southside Johnny brings new album to Palace

By Michael Witthaus
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Fueled by a collective love for Stax/Volt, Motown and gritty early 1970s R&B, the new record from Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes was finished in about a week, “Just a very natural flow ... it fit this band perfectly,” frontman Johnny Lyon said. Evocative and joyous, *Soultime* is one of their best. Fans will hear selections from it, along with classics like “This Time It’s For Real” and “Talk To Me,” when the band performs at Manchester’s Palace Theatre.

Southside Johnny spoke with the Hippo from his home in New Jersey.

What inspired you to make Soultime?

My last album [*Pills and Ammo*] was pretty angry rock and roll. ... I was shopping one day and Curtis Mayfield’s *Superfly* came on, that great solid groove, the bass just grooving along. I look around and all the people are bopping, their shoulders and heads are moving. A woman pushing her cart with a baby in it, she’s kind of stepping a little bit. I thought, maybe that’s what I should be doing; instead of venting my anger I should be making music people can really enjoy listening to and forget their troubles. I’m not unhappy about making *Pills and Ammo*; I’m glad I got that out of my system, but I think my real function is to provide joy and surcease from worry with my music.

One of my favorite songs is a duet, “All I Can Do.” Who are you singing with?

That’s Jeff Kazee, my songwriting partner and keyboard player; we wrote the record together. The songs came [together] once I decided this is what I want to do, this is the groove I want. Bobby Womack is really the touchstone, and Curtis Mayfield.

Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes

When: Saturday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester
Tickets: \$24.50-\$64.50 at palacetheatre.org

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day), Jess Vaughn (Doctor X), Scott Haidaichuk (Mindset X) and more.
COMMUNITY COFFEEHOUSE at Grange Hall (State Route 11 & Chase Hill Road, East Andover 735-5135) on Friday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m. Boston-born singer-songwriter Julie Snow will be the featured performer, followed by open mic.



Southside Johnny. Courtesy photo.

When we sat down to write, it was natural because we are very steeped in that music. It didn’t take long to write 11 to 12 songs. Then I said, “Let’s do an instrumental.” It’s the first one we’ve ever done.

Yeah, that’s “Klank.” It has a great groove that reminds me of Stevie Wonder.

It was kind of based on “Rhinoceros,” but there’s some Stevie Wonder in there too, yeah. We both liked so many different types of music like that, and once the band came into the studio it took like three days for the rhythm section, two days for the horns and whatever other stuff we had to do. It really didn’t take very long to do this whole record. It fit this band perfectly.

What’s it like playing the new stuff on stage?

We did some songs before the record came out and they fit right into the Jukes set. We were all going, “Hey, maybe we did something great for once!” Really, when you get into this age, it was the right place at the right time. The songs are just so perfect. It’s just a really good time for me.

The Jukes have had many members; it’s one of the largest alumni associations in music.

[Laughs] It’s over 130. There’s probably like 150 now. If we ever have a reunion, the audience will have to stay out because there won’t be any room.

Who’s the longest-running member, the shortest and the most memorable?

I’m not gonna answer that because I’ll hurt somebody’s feelings. There was a guy in the band for one show then was fired. This was 20 years ago — a trumpet player couldn’t make the gig and this guy auditioned and knew the stuff, but once he got to the gig he started bossing roadies around, guys that had been with us for years. I looked at him and said, “After this gig, you’re on a plane tomorrow morning.” Screw it; we went without a trumpet for a couple of days. The guys that support me really support me; we’re all in it together. This guy wanted to be a prima donna. I couldn’t take it, so I sent him home the next day. That’s probably the shortest run.

I heard Jon Bon Jovi was a Juke for a while?

Yeah, he’d gotten off the road and was still running at full speed, so he asked his wife Dorothea if he could go out with me and the Jukes. I don’t know how long he was with us — a few weeks, maybe a month. We had to register him in the hotel under a false name. ... We made a name up for him — Melvin Velvet. He was great, he played rhythm guitar and sang harmonies. He just loved the Jukes and had a great time. It was just fun.

Is it still harder than it looks?

No! [Laughs] The hard thing is maintaining a career and your audience and your enthusiasm to do that. But I know how hard it’s been for people to make a career in music, so I don’t take it for granted. I’m very sincere about being a musician and being the best I can — and the best entertainer I can, which is not always the same thing. Most of the time it’s easy once you’re on stage; it’s the time in between that’s hard. 🍷

BLUES FRIDAY at Laconia High School (345 Union Ave., Laconia 524-3350) on Friday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m. 4th Annual Blues Friday Concert. Admission free, first come first seated.
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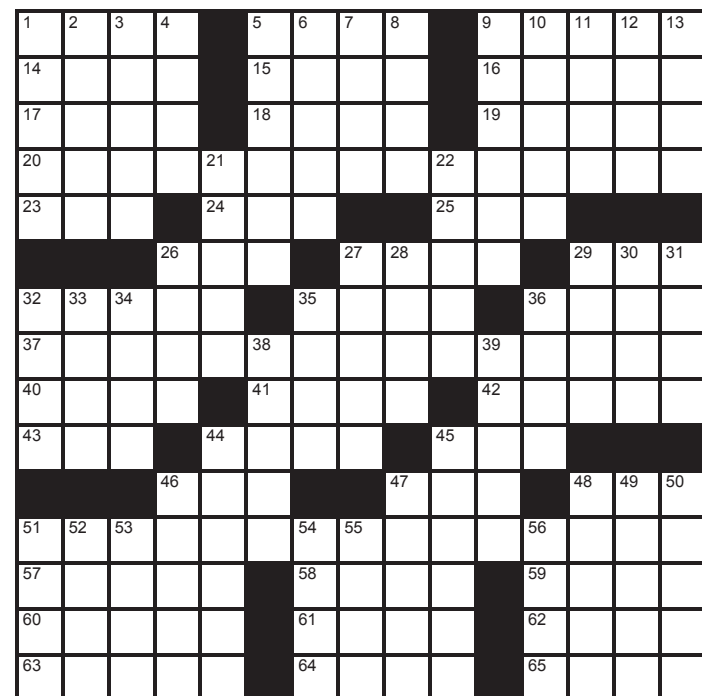
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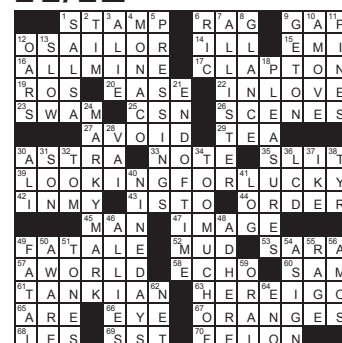
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1. J Geils '___ On The Wall'
5. ZZ Top "If I blow my top will you let ___ to your head?" (2,2)
9. Grammy-winning music exec Clive
14. State Donny and Marie hail from
15. '20th Century Boy' band (1,3)
16. Blink-182 album '___ Of The State'
17. Warner owned label that combined with Atlantic in '05
18. What Axl Rose will do, along w/fire
19. Imitation of notes, usually classical
20. '79 'Gotta Serve Somebody' Bob Dylan album (4,5,6)



23. Mexico's Guerra
24. Punk band (___) PE25. Lyric poem
26. Kansas rockers that scratch like a dog?
27. Billy Joel 'When In ___'
29. Slipknot turntablist Wilson
32. ZZ Top "She's so fine, she's all mine, girl you ___ right" (3,2)
35. Pixies song that's unlikely to bite?
36. State-named '01 Slipknot album
37. ZZ Top song that inspired SNL sketch, perhaps (5,2,4,4)
40. Guitars, cords and these
41. Cure 'Grinding ___'
42. Seal 'Kiss From ___' (1,4)
43. Guns N' Roses 'Catcher In The ___'
44. Sweden's ___:Owls
45. What you do at Coachella, in sun
46. Reed or Rawls
47. Chill out/trip hop French duo
48. Nickelback 'If Today ___ Your Last

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- Day'
51. Boy Howdy 'They Don't Make Them ___' (4,4,7)
57. Squeeze '___ Get Your Gun'
58. Sometime cruise ship band audience member
59. ZZ Top "You just don't know what shape ___" (2,2)
60. Sting 'Be ___ My Beating Heart'
61. Woodwind instrument
62. Social Distortion singer/guitarist Mike
63. ___ Eclipse Of The Heart
64. '02 Excuse of a Default song?
65. Indigo Girls 'Bury My Heart At Wounded ___'

Down

1. '95 Live double Pink Floyd album
2. Sammy Hagar 'Winner Takes ___' (2,3)
3. Harrison-penned jam off White Album '___ Truffle'
4. Tommy that did an album w/Jack Blades
5. U2 '___ A Brick Through A Window' (1,5)
6. 3-note chord
7. 'Passion' Halliwell
8. Grant Lee Buffalo 'Even The ___'
9. Paramore song they had to crack?
10. Punk band No Use For ___ (1,4)
11. Hives hit album '___ Vidi Vicious'
12. Springsteen '___ Fire' (2,2)
13. What backup did, during chorus

21. 80s Genesis hit '___ All'
22. Phish 'Halley's ___'
26. Like worst show
27. Iconic R&Ber Lou
28. Bypass contract w/alias
29. London part Phil Lynott went 'Solo'
30. ZZ Top "Lord I thought ___ in Heaven" (1,3)
31. Big star gets asked on one often
32. Satirical horror-metal band
33. Kaiser Chiefs '___ God' (2,2)
34. Not a record or CD
35. 'China In Your Hand' Brits
36. Tesla "I ___ so hard" (1,3)
38. '83 John Cougar Mellencamp 'Pink Houses' album (hyph)
39. Nilsson that penned 'One'
44. Love & Rockets 'No New Tale ___' (2,4)
45. 'Sunday Shining' Quayle
46. Girl-inspired ZZ Top 'El Loco' song
47. Unrecognized soul rocker Butler
48. ZZ Top wants to see a 'Planet' of them
49. Sepultura's '91 release
50. Pete Yorn song w/good judgement?
51. 'The ___ Rebel' Lynyrd Skynyrd
52. '02 Saliva album 'Back ___ Your System'
53. Wardrobe job
54. Kanye West 'I Am ___' (1,3)
55. Might pull one from parking lot bong, slang
56. Coat gaudy star wears

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NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

Karma: Eddie Marini
ManchVegas: Haywire
Murphy's: Molly McGuire
N'awlins: Jazz Guitar Project
Queen's Pub: Stray Dog Band
Salona: Amber Rose
Shaskeen: Bruce Jacques
Strange Brew: Snakestretchers
Tin Roof: Fridays With Frydae
Wild Rover: MB Padfield Duo
Zaboo: Dueling Pianos

Merrimack
Homestead: Bob Rutherford

Milford
Aden China: DJ Brian
Pasta Loft: Take 4

Nashua
5 Dragons: Mental Pause
Country Tavern: Joe McDonald
Dolly Shakers: Houston Bernard
Fody's: Radio Star
Fratello's: Doug Thompson
Haluwa: Terminal Velocity
O'Shea's: Olde Salt
Peddler's Daughter: Ripcord
Riverwalk Cafe: Kat Wright & the Indomitable Soul Band
Stella Blu: Chad Verbeck

Newmarket
Riverworks: Pete Peterson
Stone Church: Session Americana + Dub Apocalypse (late)

Peterborough
Harlow's: Jaggery

Plaistow
Crow's Nest: The Take
Racks: American Burn/4X4 Barracuda

Portsmouth
Birdseye Lounge: The Molenes, Whiskey Kill
Blue Mermaid: Shifters Duo
Dolphin Striker: Michael Troy
Fat Belly's: DJ Cootz
Martingale: Tim Theriault & Jamie DeCato
Portsmouth Book & Bar: Tarbox Ramblers
Portsmouth Gaslight: DJ Koko P/Dustin Ladale/Justin Cohn
Press Room: Muddy Ruckus
Red Door: Jaminic
Ri Ra: Drew Yount
Rudi's: Mike Stockbridge Trio
Thirsty Moose: Aldous Collins

Rochester
Radloff's: Dancing Madly Backwards Duo

Smokey's Tavern: Dan Walker

Seabrook
Chop Shop: Doubleshot

Suncook
Olympus: Nicole Knox Murphy

Warner
The Local: Delanie Pickering

Saturday, Nov. 21
Boscawen
Alan's: Bend The Ride Band

Bow
Chen Yang Li: Unda Radar Duo

Concord
Hermanos: Second Wind
Penuche's: Metropolis Funk
Tandy's: DJ Iceman Streetz
True Brew: Greg Cornell and the Cornell Brothers

Derry
Drac: Peter Higgons

Dover
Cara: Club night, DJ Shawnyy O
Dover Brickhouse: The Ride's Last Ride
Falls Grille: Joel Cage

Epping
Holy Grail: Rob + Dan
Telly's: Gardner Berry
Tortilla Flat: MB Padfield

Gilford
Patrick's: Kieran McNally

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Red Sky Mary

Hampton
Savory Square: Mel & John
Wally's Pub: Wildside

Hanover
Canoe Club: Ted Mortimer

Hooksett
Tap House: Dave Couture Duo

Hudson
JD Chaser's: Project Mess

Laconia
Pitman's: Tall Granite Big Band

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Karen Grenier

Manchester
Derryfield: Chad LaMarsh Band

Fratello's: Chris Cavanaugh
Funktion: Brian Sweet
Karma: The Hallorans
ManchVegas: Last Kid Picked
Midnight Rodeo: Country Mile
Milly's: American Mixer/Hot Box
Modern Gypsy: Exit Glaciers
Murphy's: Best Not Broken
N'awlins: Brickyard Blues
Penuche's: Alchemystics/Chromatropic at Penuche's
Queen's Pub: Midnight Crisis
Salona: Head Shop
Shaskeen: These Wild Plains
Strange Brew: BJ Magoon & Driving Sideways
Wild Rover: Boys of Rockingham
Zaboo: Dueling Pianos

Merrimack
Homestead: Marc Aspotolides

Milford
Aden China: DJ Brian
Pasta Loft: Tom Dixon
Shaka's: Acoustic Bahgoostyx
Union Coffee: Charlie Chronopolous w/ Guest

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Fratello's: Lachlan Maclearn
Haluwa: Terminal Velocity
O'Shea's: Alan Roux
Peddler's Daughter: Colm O'Brien
Riverwalk: Primate Fiasco
Stella Blu: Joe McDonald

New Boston
Molly's: Justin Cohn

Newmarket
Stone Church: Mr. Nick & the Dirty Tricks/Brian Templeton Band

Peterborough
Harlow's: Broke Arts Fair - Paper Castles, Doolittle Family, and Rick from Pile

Plaistow
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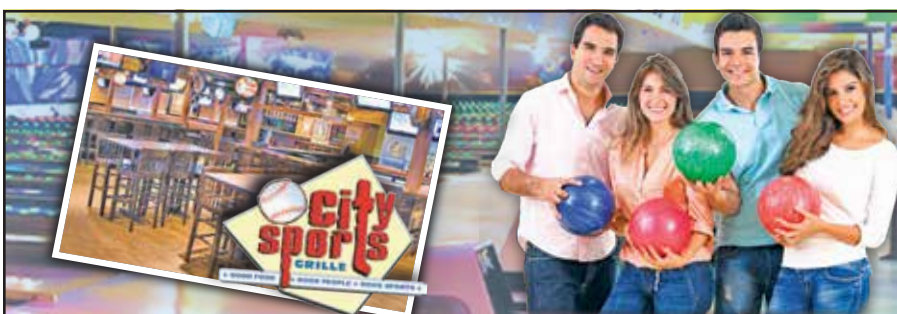
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Portsmouth
Birdseye Lounge: Ben Kronberg/Josh Day

Friday, Nov. 20
Amherst
Amherst Country Club: Mike Koutrobis, Kyle Crawford, Chad Zingales

Saturday, Nov. 21
Manchester
Headliners: Brian Beau-doin & 2 more

Monday, Nov. 23
Concord
Penuche's: Punchlines
Tuesday, Nov. 24
Derry
Hilltop Sports Pub: Comedy on Purpose - Alana Susko

Wednesday, Nov. 25
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Nashua
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Sunday, Nov. 22
Bedford
Copper Door: Jim Devlin

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Dover
Cara: Irish Session w/ Carol
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Village Trestle: Blues Jam

Hanover
Canoe Club: Ameranouche

Hillsborough
Mama McDonough's: Brad Bosse

Manchester
Central Ale House: Peter
Fogerty/Phil Jacques/On2
Drynk: Beach Bash w/ Sammy
Smooove
Funktion: Alli Beaudry
Queen's Pub: Eddie Marini
Shaskeen: Rap, Industry night
Strange Brew: One Big Soul -
Sit Session

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Open Stage with
Lou Porrazzo

Nashua
Burton's Grill: Aaron Chase
Riverwalk: Four Piece Suit
Thirsty Turtle: Rob Benton

Newmarket
Stone Church: Joshua Incident

Portsmouth
Dolphin Striker: Dana Breartey
Press Room: Jazz ft. Fred Haas,
Michael Zoldos Quintet
Red Door: Strange Strings
Showcase

Rochester
Radloff's: James McGarvey

Monday, Nov. 23
Concord
Hermanos: John Franzosa

Hanover
Canoe: Marko The Magician

Manchester
Central Ale: Jonny Friday Duo
Fratello's: Rob Wolfe or Phil
Jacques

Merrimack
Homestead: Chris Cavanaugh

Nashua
Fratello's: Kim Riley

Newmarket
Stone Church: Blues Jam w/
Wild Eagles Blues Band

Portsmouth
Dolphin Striker: Old School
Press Room: Jonathan Lorentz
Red Door: Hush Hush Sweet
Harlot
Ri Ra: Oran Mor

Tuesday, Nov. 24
Concord
Hermanos: Brad Myrick

Dover
Fury's: Tim Theriault
Sonny's: Soggy Po' Boys

Hanover
Canoe Club: Joseph Stallsmith

Manchester
Drynk: Sammy Smooove & DJ
Gera
Fratello's: Kim Riley
Milly's: Manchuka
Shaskeen: Tristan Omand
Strange Brew: All Stars

Nashua
Fratello's: Jeff Mrozek

Newmarket
Stone Church: Rockspring
After Work Show

Peterborough
Harlow's: Celtic Music Night

Portsmouth
Birdseye Lounge: ROAR
Dolphin Striker: Joel Cage
Press Room: Jazz Jam w/ Larry
Garland & Friends

Wednesday, Nov. 25
Bedford
Copper Door: Brad Bosse
Belmont
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Grant Band (Turkey Eve)

Concord
Hermanos: Paul Lovely
True Brew: Pat and the Hats

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Covered Bridge: Don Bartenstein

Derry
Drae: Brian House

Dover
Fury's: Red Sky Mary
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Thirsty Moose: Jamsterdam

Raymond
Cork n Keg: Brandon Lepere

Rochester
Lilac City Grille: Tim Theriault
 T-Day Pre-Party

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The Local: Songs With Molly

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Common Man: Thanksgiving Eve w/Karen Grenier

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 • **Whitford/St. Holmes** Friday, Nov. 20, 8 p.m. Tupelo
 • **Colin Hay** Friday, Nov. 20, 8 p.m. Cap Center
 • **Yardbirds** Saturday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m. Flying Monkey
 • **Cheryl Wheeler** Saturday, Nov. 21, 8 p.m. Tupelo
 • **Jennifer Nettles** Saturday, Nov. 21, 8 p.m. Casino Ballroom
 • **BJ Thomas** Monday, Nov. 23, 8 p.m. Flying Monkey
 • **Dark Star Orchestra** Monday, Nov. 23, 7 p.m. Cap Center
 • **Allman, Neville, Pitchell, King & Charles** Monday, Nov. 23, 8 p.m. Tupelo
 • **Little River Band** Friday, Nov. 27, 8 p.m. Rochester Opera House
 • **Corey Rodrigues/Jody Sloane** Friday, Nov. 27, 8 p.m. Tupelo
 • **Carbon Leaf (also 12/4)** Thursday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m. Tupelo
 • **Wizards of Winter** Thursday, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m. Cap Center

• **Kashmir / Led Zeppelin Tribute** Saturday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Rochester Opera House
 • **Entrain** Saturday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Tupelo
 • **Matisyahu** Sunday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. Cap Center
 • **Delta Rae** Sunday, Dec. 6, 8 p.m. Tupelo
 • **Judy Collins** Tuesday, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. Tupelo
 • **Slambovian Circus Of Dreams** Friday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m. Tupelo
 • **Phil Vassar** Saturday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. Flying Monkey
 • **Iron Butterfly** Saturday, Dec. 12, 8 p.m. Tupelo
 • **The Security Project** Sunday, Dec. 13, 8 p.m. Tupelo
 • **Buzz Ball** Thursday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m. Cap Center
 • **James McMurtry** Friday, Dec. 18, 8 p.m. Tupelo
 • **Eric Hutchinson** Saturday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. Tupelo
 • **Rocking Horse Christmas** Saturday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. Cap Center

• **Kenny Rogers Christmas and Hits** Sunday, Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m. Cap Center
 • **Stephen Kellogg** Tuesday, Dec. 29, 8 p.m. Tupelo
 • **Adam Ezra Group** Thursday, Dec. 31, 8 p.m. Tupelo
 • **Beatejuice** Saturday, Jan. 9, 8 p.m. Tupelo
 • **Cherry Poppin' Daddies** Friday, Jan. 15, 8 p.m. Tupelo
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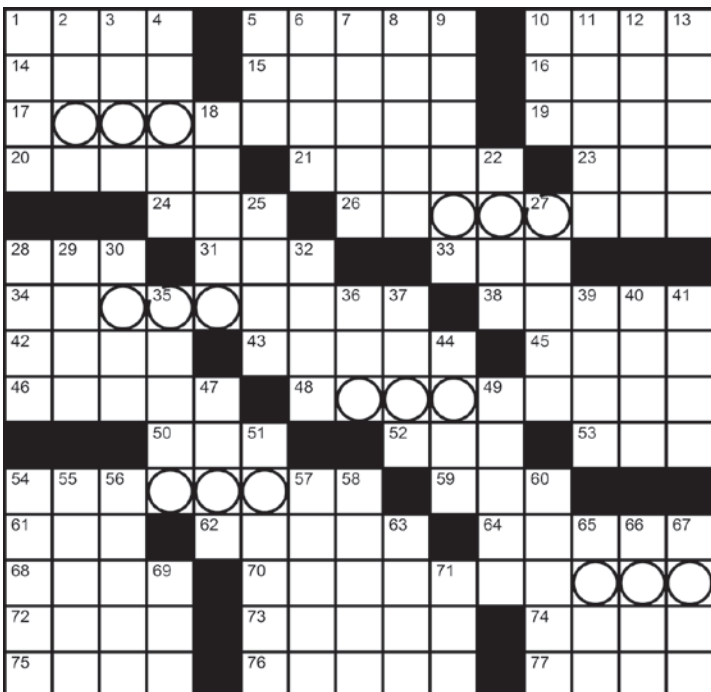
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"Turn it Down" — but not all the way

Across

- 1 B as in baklava
5 Belief system
10 "Family Feud" option
14 On the summit of
15 Pipe cleaner brand?
16 "Like ___ out of Hell"
17 Amazed
19 Digs of "Private Practice"
20 Blase (or just blah) feeling
21 Night, in Italy
23 "___ Walks in Beauty" (Byron poem)
24 Short short time?



- 26 Topping in a tub
28 Part of TBS, for short
31 Author Fleming
33 Tit-tat filler
34 "That's so sweet"
38 Emphatic turndown
42 Glassful at a cantina, perhaps
43 Win all the games
45 Oregon Ducks uniform designer since 1999
46 "Lunch is for ___" ("Wall Street" quote)
48 Like Goofy but not Pluto
50 Long meal in Japan?
52 LPs, to DJs
53 Possesses
54 Showtime series of the 2000s
59 Little dog's bark
61 "___ the Walrus"

11/12



- 62 Marina craft
64 Washer/dryer units?
68 Downright rotten
70 "You've really outdone yourself at sucking," or this puzzle's theme?
72 TV component?
73 Microscopic
74 Active Sicilian volcano
75 Dark form of quartz
76 Desirable quality
77 "Round and Round" band

Down

- 1 Film with the segment "Pork Is a Nice Sweet Meat"
2 English prep school
3 Dot on a state map
4 High score
5 Hall of Leno's "The Tonight Show"
6 1982 Disney film with a 2010 sequel
7 Anarchy
8 "And that's ___ grow on"
9 Not quite
10 Vanna's cohost
11 Make embarrassed
12 Give a quick welcome
13 Hard to climb
18 Kids' song refrain that's all vowels
22 PayPal cofounder Musk
25 Cleveland NBAers
27 Erroneous
28 "Begin the Beguine" clarinetist
Artie
29 Late baseballer Berra
30 Like one leg of a triathlon
32 Former House speaker Gingrich
35 Boutonniere setting
36 Kareem's original name
37 "Man, that hurts!"
39 "Well, we just lost" sound
40 Retailer with a snaky floor plan
41 Wine cellar options
44 Eugene Ionesco production
47 Stitches up
49 Outcast
51 Controversial Nabokov novel
54 Connect with
55 New ___ (Yale locale)
56 Zooey's big sister in acting
57 Basic learning techniques
58 Dropperfuls, say
60 "___ to the people!"
63 Sheet of postage stamps
65 ___ Vista (onetime search engine)
66 "Stop that!"
67 Go after, as a fly
69 "Superman" villain Luthor
71 "All the news that's fit to print" initials

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All quotes are by the philosopher Baruch Spinoza, born Nov. 24, 1632.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) *I make a great distinction between mockery (which I have said is bad) and laughter; for laughter and merriment are nothing but joy, and therefore, provided they are not excessive, are in themselves good.* Get ready for some laughter and merriment.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) *Moreover, I ask who can know that he understands a thing unless he first of all understands that thing? That is to say, who can know that he is certain of anything unless he is first of all certain of that thing?* Make sure you know what you know.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) *The soldier, for instance, if he sees the footsteps of a horse in the sand, will immediately turn from the thought of a horse to the thought of a horseman, and so to the thought of war. The countryman, on the other hand, from the thought of a horse will turn to the thought of his plow, his field, etc.; and thus each person will turn from one thought to this or that thought, according to the manner in which he has been accustomed to connect and bind together the images of things in his mind.* Other people may not draw the same conclusions you do.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) *...most people, when in prosperity, are so over-brimming with wisdom (however inexperienced they may be), that they take every offer of advice as a personal insult, whereas in adversity they know not where to turn, but beg and pray for counsel from every passer-by.* Take advice. Not too much.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) *So when men make errors in calculation, the numbers which are in their minds are not those which are upon the paper. As far as their mind is concerned there is no error, although it seems as*

if there were, because we think that the numbers in their minds are those which are upon the paper. Double-check your calculations.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) *This is the source from which so many controversies arise — that men either do not properly explain their own thoughts, or do not properly interpret those of other people....* Conditions are ripe for misinterpretation.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) *He who wishes to avenge injuries by hating in return does indeed live miserably.* Focus on filling up your life with happy.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) *Many errors, of a truth, consist merely in the application of the wrong names to things.* It's a good time for vocabulary lessons.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) *I should say that human affairs would be much more happily conducted if it were equally in the power of men to be silent and to speak.* Shhhh.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) *Just as light reveals both itself and the darkness, so truth is the standard of itself and of the false.* Whether you're in the light or the dark, stick to the facts.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) *Those, however, who know the true use of money, and regulate the measure of wealth according to their needs, live contented with few things.* You do not need that extra salad spinner.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) *Now it is a universal law of human nature that no one ever neglects anything which he judges to be good, except with the hope of gaining a greater good, or from the fear of a greater evil; nor does any one endure an evil except for the sake of avoiding a greater evil, or gaining a greater good. That is, every one will, of two goods, choose that which he thinks the greatest; and, of two evils that which he thinks the least.* You can't have perfect but you can have good.

NITE SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

				3		1	2	
	8	9		5				4
	2							6
				8			4	
8			3		6			5
	1			4				
4								8
5			1			7	3	
	9	3		7				

Difficulty Level ★★★

11/19

SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Last week's puzzle answers are below

11/12

8	5	6	9	3	2	4	7	1
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5	2	4	8	1	9	3	6	7
2	7	3	1	8	5	9	4	6
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

Basic training

Fort Bragg, North Carolina, declared an emergency on Oct. 30 when one of its soldiers had the bright idea to arrive for a Halloween party on base dressed as a suicide bomber, with realistic-looking canisters in a wired vest. Gates to the post (headquarters of Army special forces and airborne troops) immediately went into extended lockdown, and a bomb-disposal team was called. The soldier's name was not released.

Ewww!

• The Blackhead Whisperer: Upland, California, dermatologist Sandra Lee is a social media cult figure with a massive audience on YouTube, where her cyst- and pimple-popping videos (charmingly, soothingly narrated) have garnered 170 million views. (The "Popping" community, on the Reddit.com site, has more than 60,000 members.) Dr. Lee admits longing for "the perfect blackhead," which to her apparently means one that is photogenic and slides out easily from its snug epidermal home. Several "Popping" fanatics told a Washington Post reporter that watching the videos is therapy for anxiety, but one fan (a "Mr. Wilson") apparently gets his "therapy" by submitting videos of his own unsoothing oil-laden bursts.

• While hopeful Italian surgeon Sergio Canavero seeks funding to perform the first ever head "transplant" (with a patient already lined up), Australian doctor Geoff Askin (the country's "godfather of spinal surgery") recently successfully "reattached" the head of a 16-month-old boy who was badly injured in a traffic accident. The toddler's head was described as internally "relocated" and reset onto the vertebra, using wire and rib tissue to graft the head back in place. (Nonetheless, the operation was widely regarded as a "miracle.")

Police report

Hugo Castro, 28, wanted for questioning in October in San Jose, California, after his girlfriend was stabbed to death, helpfully presented himself at county jail. The sheriff's deputy listened and then suggested Castro go find a San Jose police officer. (Castro did, and the deputy was subsequently reassigned.)

Great art!

• A 33-year-old Frenchman erected a stone table with benches over his mother's grave marker, so that he and friends could enjoy munchies and wine as he "talked" to her.

• A homeowners' association in Winter Haven, Florida, petitioned Steven Chayt to remove the 24-by-12-foot chair he had built

in his backyard as an art project especially because of the hole in the seat making it, said one neighbor, "essentially a toilet."

Finer points of the law

Daniel Darrington was spared a murder conviction in October even after admitting intentionally shooting Rocky Matskassy at point-blank range to "relieve his suffering." The Melbourne, Australia, jury decided that Matskassy, in pain from an earlier accidental shooting, was indeed already dead when Darrington shot him. However, under the law of the state of Victoria, it is still "attempted murder" because Darrington believed that Matskassy was still alive when he pulled the trigger.

Leading economic indicators

Puerto Rico's murder/voluntary manslaughter rate is four times higher than that in the 50 states, creating a "pool of (organ) donors in the 18-to-30 age range unmatched in the mainland," according to an October Reuters report. Government officials hope creating a thriving transplant industry will bring Puerto Rico out of its economic doldrums by encouraging economy-conscious patients to spend money on hotels, transportation and food during their stay.

Unclear on the concept

A Liberty, Missouri, sheriff's deputy politely declined to identify the local man who created the sound of rapid gunfire on Oct. 13 when a "controlled" garbage burn escalated. The man decided to try extinguishing the fire by driving back and forth over it in his van, but the tires caught fire,

and in addition to the van's having a gas tank, it also carried an undisclosed amount of firearms ammunition. The van was a total loss, but the sheriff's department said it doubted there would be an insurance claim filed.

Least competent criminal

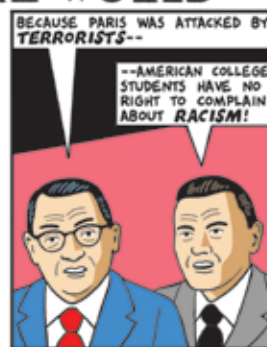
In October, Rezwan Hussain, 29, was sentenced to 11 years in prison for the illegal drugs enterprise he ran from his mother's basement in Rochdale, England. He had apparently avoided detection until March, when the Greater Manchester police arrived to question his brother. Hussain said his brother wasn't home, and they left, but a frightened Hussain ran upstairs and began tossing 500 pounds of drugs out the window in preparation for his getaway. However, police had not yet driven away, and the first bag of a nearly \$5 million stash happened to land right beside their car.

Update

Members of the New Orleans Vampire Association are not, of course, like Dracula or those *Twilight* characters, but rather people who are convinced that consuming other people's blood prevents illness or provides energy and thus seek "donors" to sit for regular or occasional slicings or pin pricks. Though some members have gone full-gothic in dress and lifestyle (as described in an October Washington Post report), an academic researcher studying the community has concluded that the vampires generally exhibit no signs of mental illness.

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Sat.,
Dec. 26
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Fri.,
Dec. 11
8:00 p.m.
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Dec. 29
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Dec. 12
8:00 p.m.
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Dec. 31
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Sun.,
Dec. 13
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